

# CERES Cloud Properties: Update Spring 2016

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# Topics

- **Publications**
- **Status**
- **Validation**
- **Trends and Variations**
- **GEO clouds**
- **Changes for Edition 5**





# Update of CERES Cloud-related Papers since Oct 2015

## Edition-2 related

Wang, S., A. H. Sobel, A. Fridlind, Z. Feng, J. Comstock, P. Minnis, and M. L. Nordeen, 2015: Simulations of cloud-radiation interaction using large-scale forcing derived from the CINDY/DYNAMO northern sounding array. *J. Adv. Model. Earth Syst.*, **7**, 1472-1498, doi:10.1002/2015MS000461.

## Edition-4 related

Painemal, D., T. Greenwald, M. Cadeddu, and P. Minnis, 2016: First extended validation of satellite microwave liquid water path with ship-based observations of marine low clouds. *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, submitted.

Dong, X., B. Xi, S. Qiu, P. Minnis, S. Sun-Mack, and F. Rose, 2016: A radiation closure study of Arctic cloud microphysical properties using the collocated satellite-surface data and Fu-Liou radiative transfer model. *J. Geophys. Res.*, submitted.

CERES, 2016: Edition 4 SSF Data Quality Summary.

Minnis et al., 2016: CERES Satellite CLOUD and Radiation Property retrieval System (SatCORPS) Update; MODIS Edition 4 and VIIRS Edition 1 Algorithms. In preparation.

Chang, F.-L., P. Minnis, S. Sun-Mack, and Y. Chen, 2016: A CO<sub>2</sub> overlapping cloud property retrieval scheme applied to CERES-MODIS data. In preparation.

## Edition-5 related

Minnis, P., G. Hong, S. Sun-Mack, W. L. Smith, Jr., and S. Miller, 2016: Estimation of nocturnal ice cloud optical depth and water path from MODIS multispectral infrared radiances using a neural network method. *J. Geophys. Res.*, in press

Y. B., P. Yang, P. Minnis, N. Loeb, and S. Kato, 2016: Ice cloud optical property parameterization based on a two-habit model for applications to global circulation models. *J. Climate*, submitted

Scarino, B. R., P. Minnis, T. Chee, K. M. Bedka, C. R. Yst, and R. Palikonda, 2016: Global clear-sky surface skin temperature from multiple satellites using a single-channel algorithm with viewing zenith angle correction. *Atmos. Meas. Tech. Discuss.*



## CERES MODIS Status (Coll 5 Data)

- Ed2 processing
  - *Aqua: through Dec 2015, will continue until ED4 ADMs completed*
  - *Terra: through DEc 2015, will continue until Ed4 ADMs completed*
- Ed4 Beta-2 processing
  - *Aqua: through December 2015*
  - *Terra: through January 2015*

## CERES VIIRS Status

- Ed1 delivered, 4 years completed
  - *Jan 2012 – Dec 2015*

## CERES GEOSat Status

- Ed4-beta: uses 3/4 channel cloud retrievals with appropriate satellites
  - *through July 2015*
  - *cleaning continues and algorithms being updated*





# CERES Data Quality Summaries

- DQS clouds validation for Ed4 waiting for remainder of document
  - Full DQS not available yet, but copy of clouds validation available
- DQS Validation started for VIIRS Ed1
- DQS validation for GEOSat analyses next



# North Slope of Alaska ARM Comparisons for Snow- Covered Conditions

- Assume surface albedo affecting both surface and satellite retrievals is

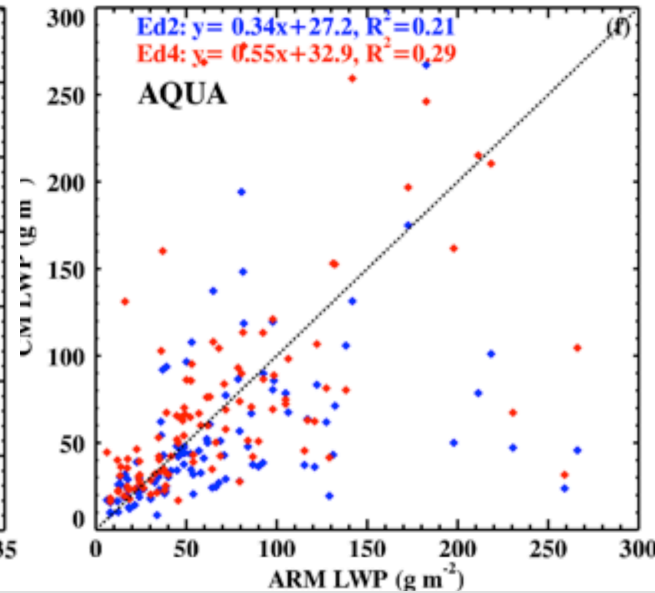
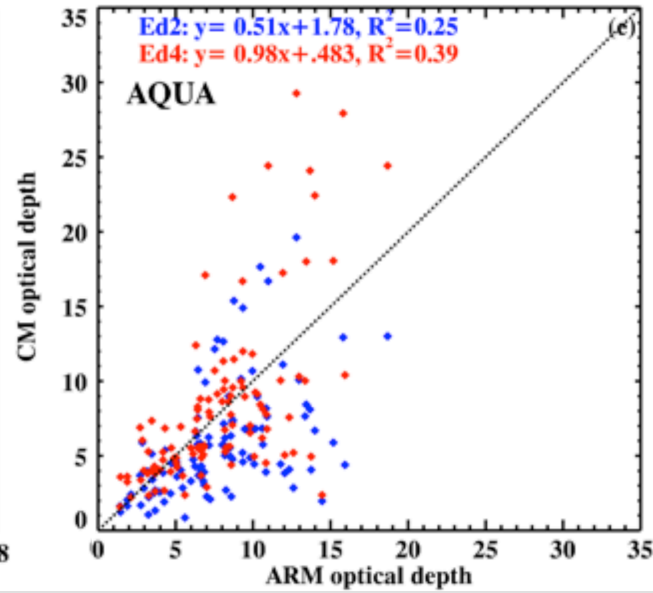
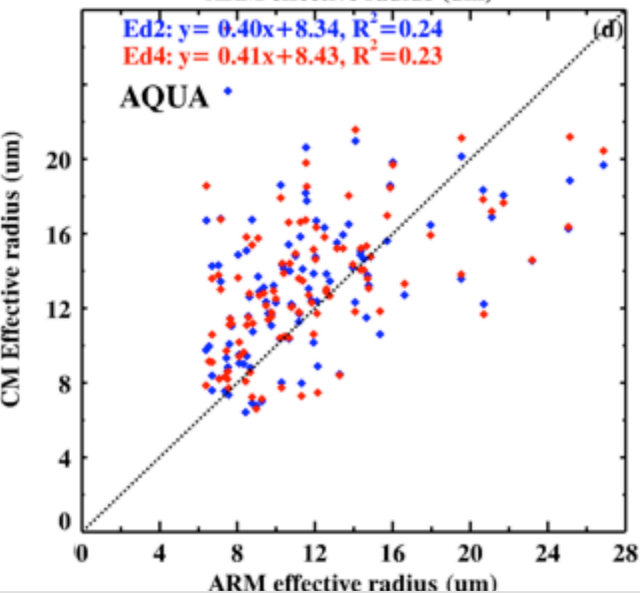
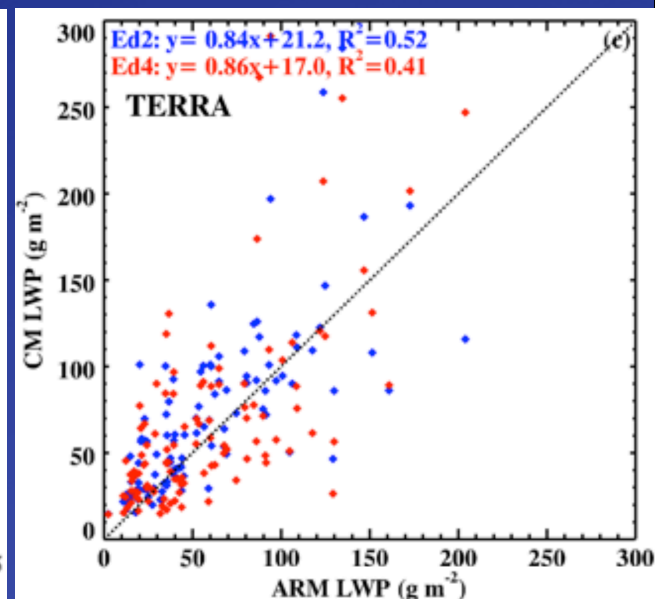
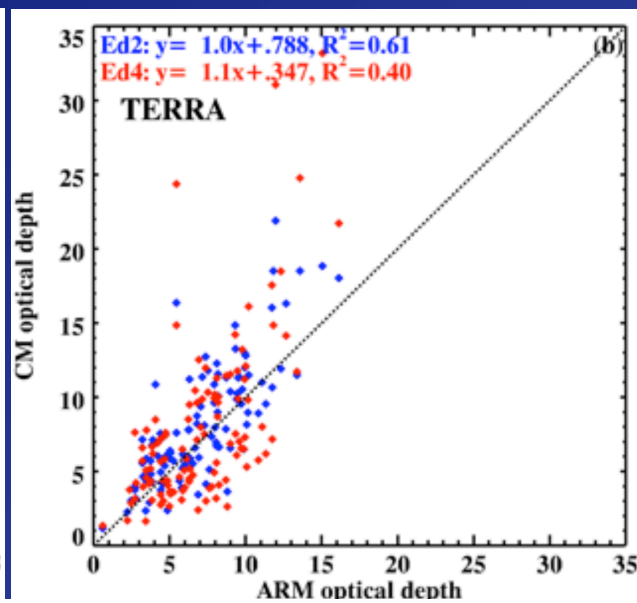
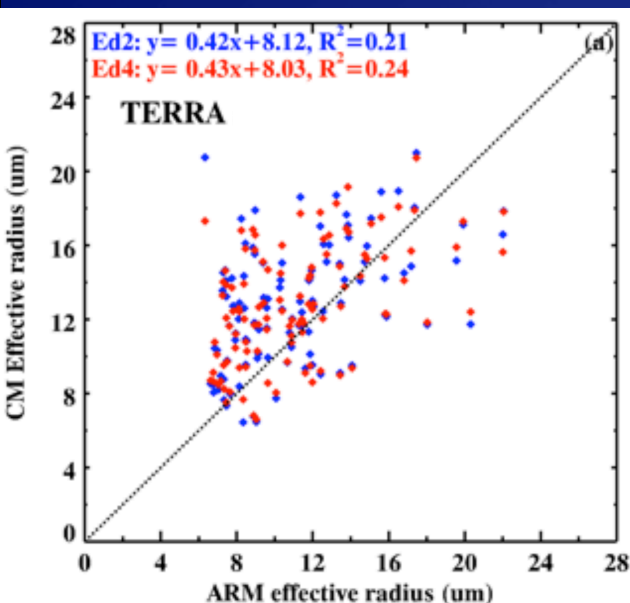
$A_s = 0.8 \cdot R_s$ , where  $R_s$  = albedo measured at ARM site

- SatCORPS uses 1.24- $\mu\text{m}$  channel for COD retrieval
- Surface measurements use MWR and SW radiometers in parameterization





# Terra and Aqua Ed4 Cloud Properties versus ARM retrievals



- 1) Terra: ARM re=11.1 vs. **Ed4=12.8  $\mu\text{m}$** , ARM tau=7.1 **vs. 7.9**, ARM LWP=58.1 vs. **67.0  $\text{gm}^{-2}$**   
2) Agua: ARM re=11.7 vs. **Ed4=13.2  $\mu\text{m}$** , ARM tau=7.8 **vs. 8.2**, ARM LWP=69.0 vs. **71.2  $\text{gm}^{-2}$**

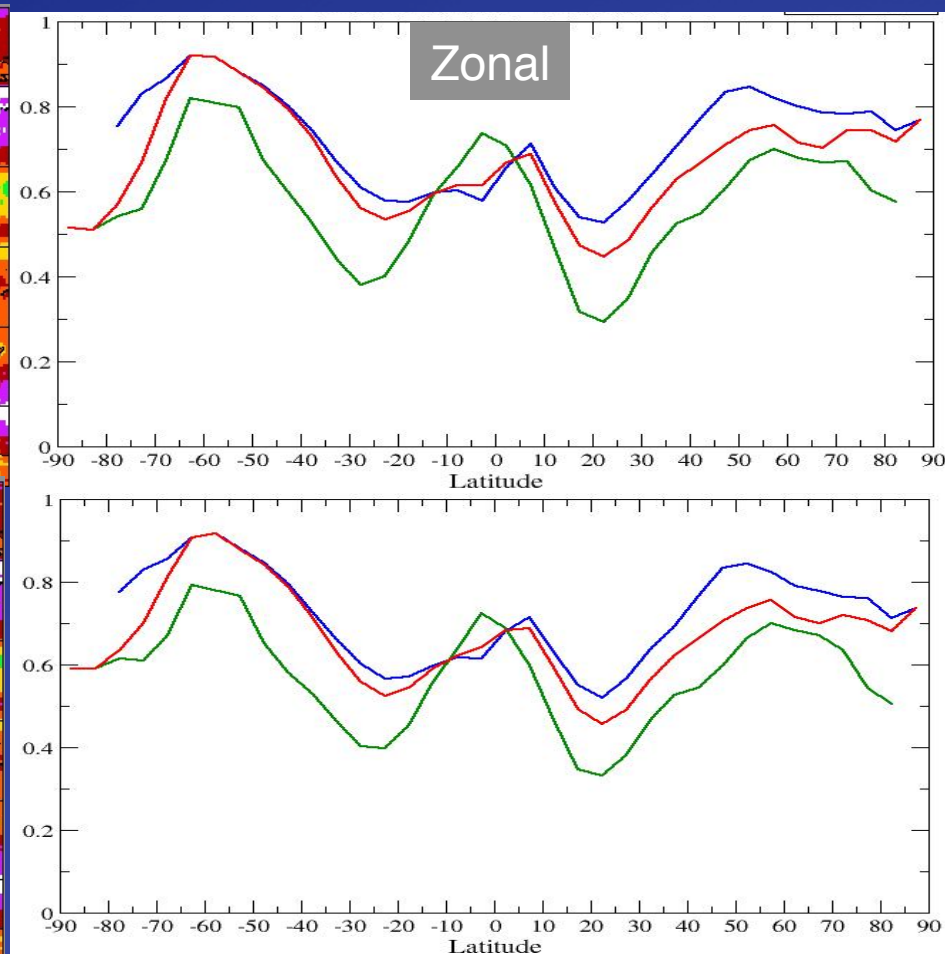
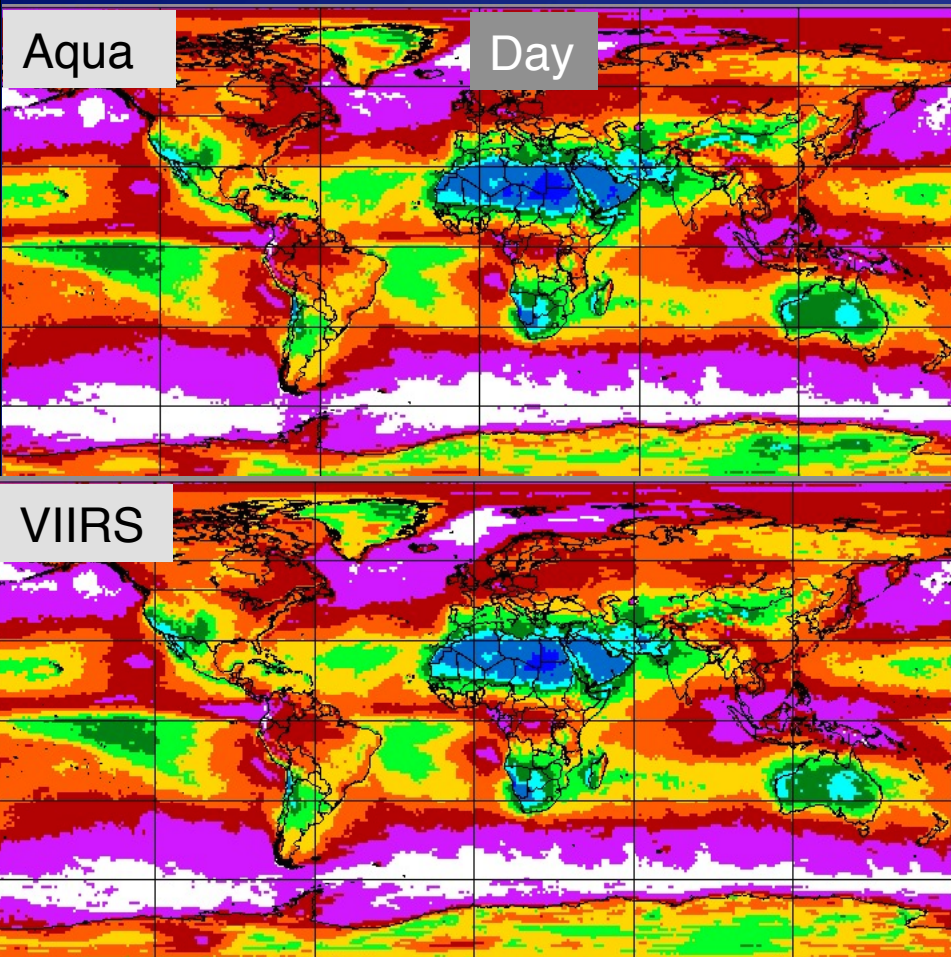
# MEANS & VARIATIONS

- VIIRS vs. Aqua MODIS: 2013
- Cloud height and fraction trends





# Aqua & VIIRS Daytime Mean Cloud Fraction, 2013

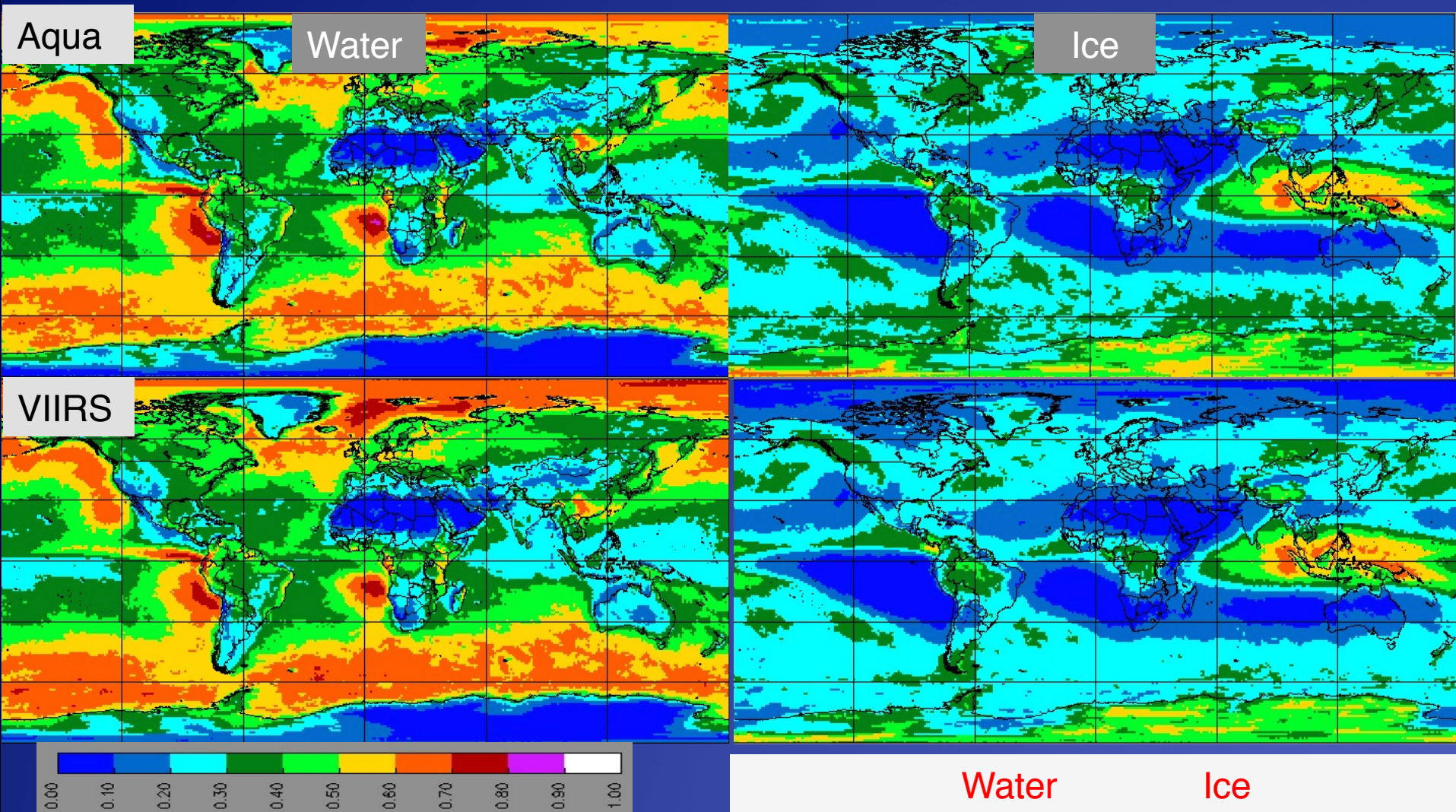


- VIIRS & MODIS very similar in daytime
- Largest differences at night (tropics & Arctic)

	<u>Aqua</u>	<u>SNPP</u>
Day	0.651	0.652
Night	0.684	0.672



# Aqua & VIIRS Daytime Mean Cloud Fraction by Phase, 2013

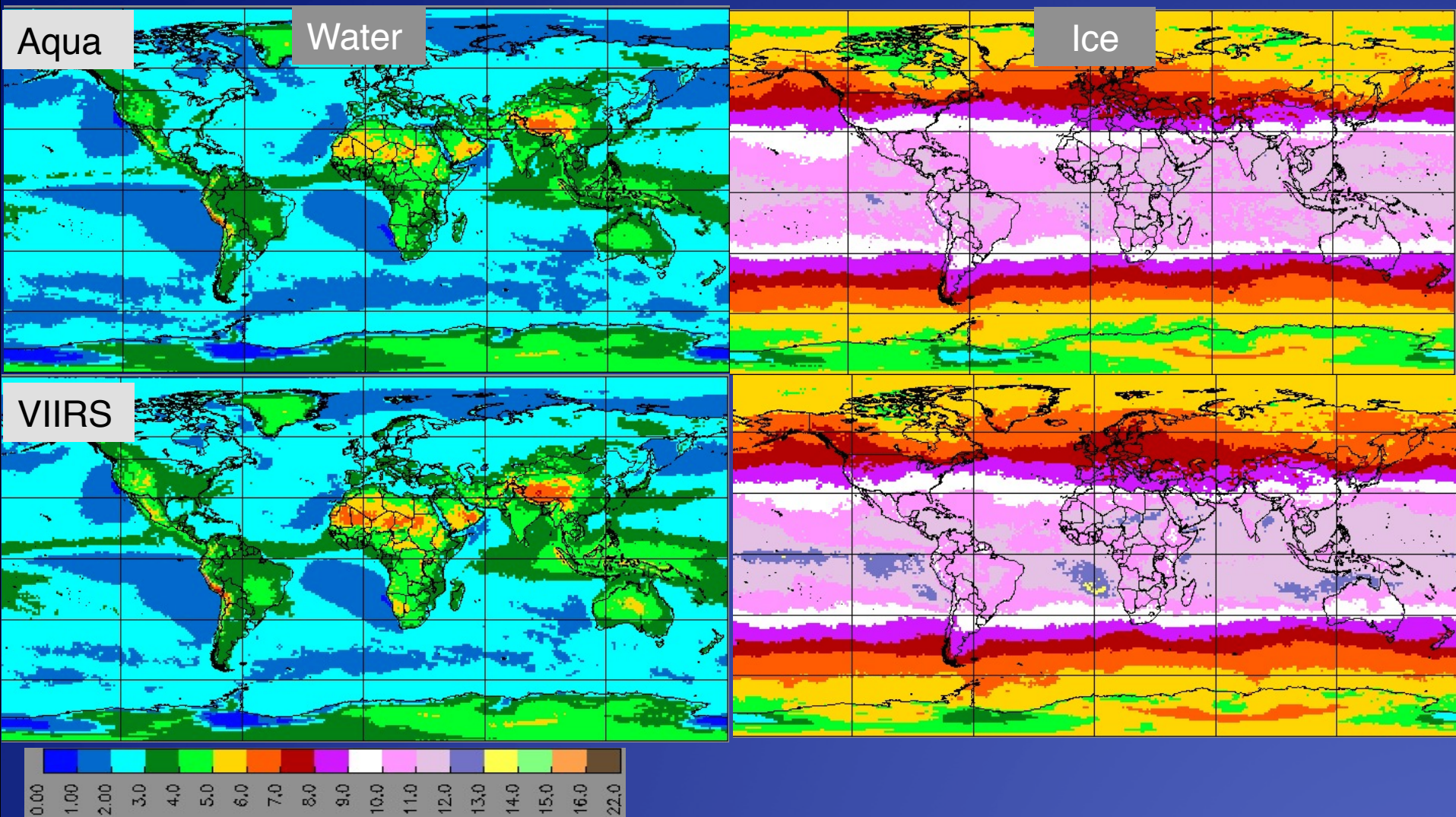


• VIIRS & MODIS phase very consistent day and night

	Water		Ice	
	<u>Aqua</u>	<u>SNPP</u>	<u>Aqua</u>	<u>SNPP</u>
Day	0.403	0.406	0.247	0.239
Night	0.363	0.357	0.323	0.315



# Aqua & VIIRS Mean Cloud Effective Heights (km), 2013



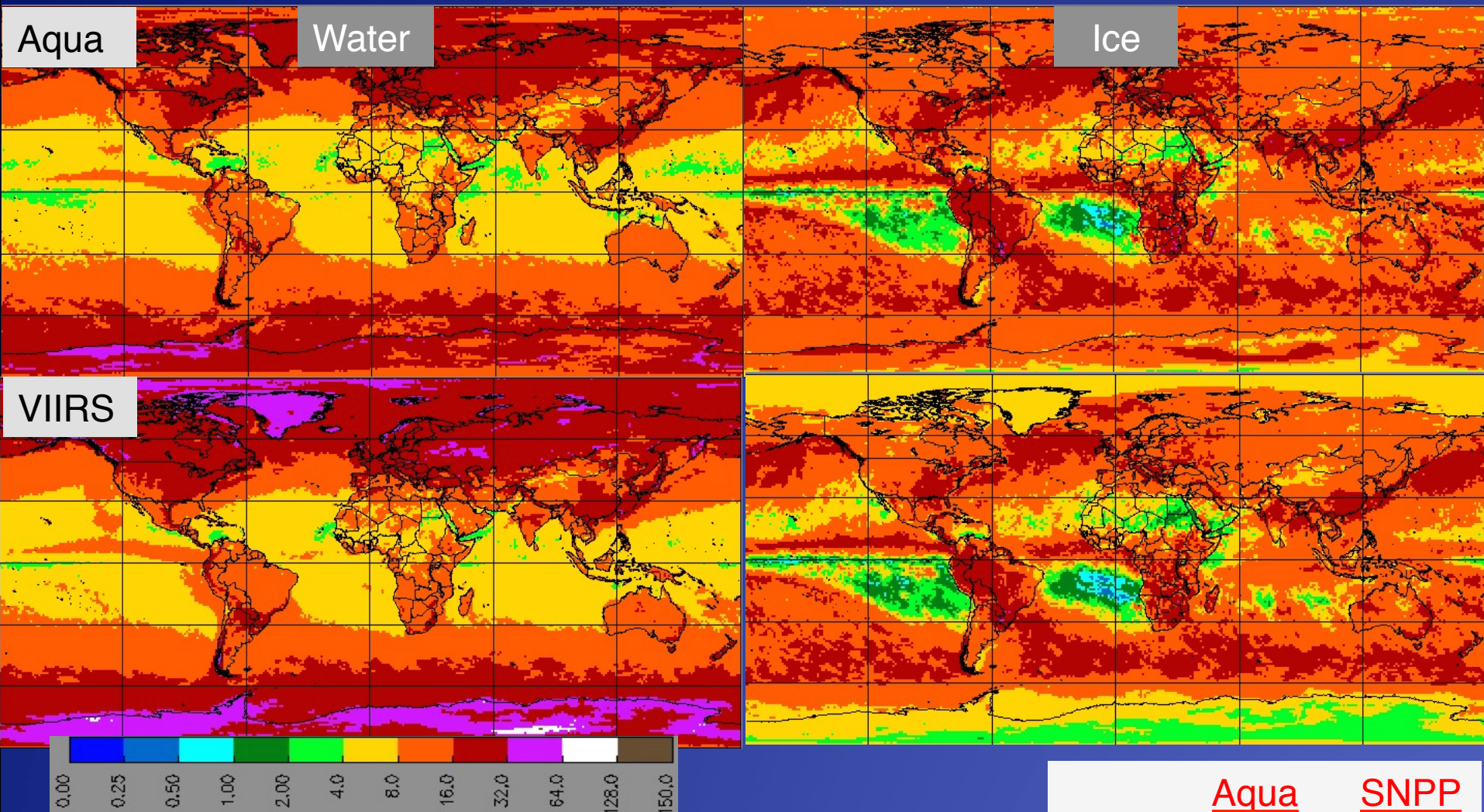
- VIIRS slightly higher than MODIS during the daytime



	Water		Ice	
	<u>Aqua</u>	<u>SNPP</u>	<u>Aqua</u>	<u>SNPP</u>
Day	2.66	2.84	8.80	9.14
Night	2.93	3.01	9.42	9.43



# Aqua & VIIRS Mean Cloud Optical Depths, Day 2013

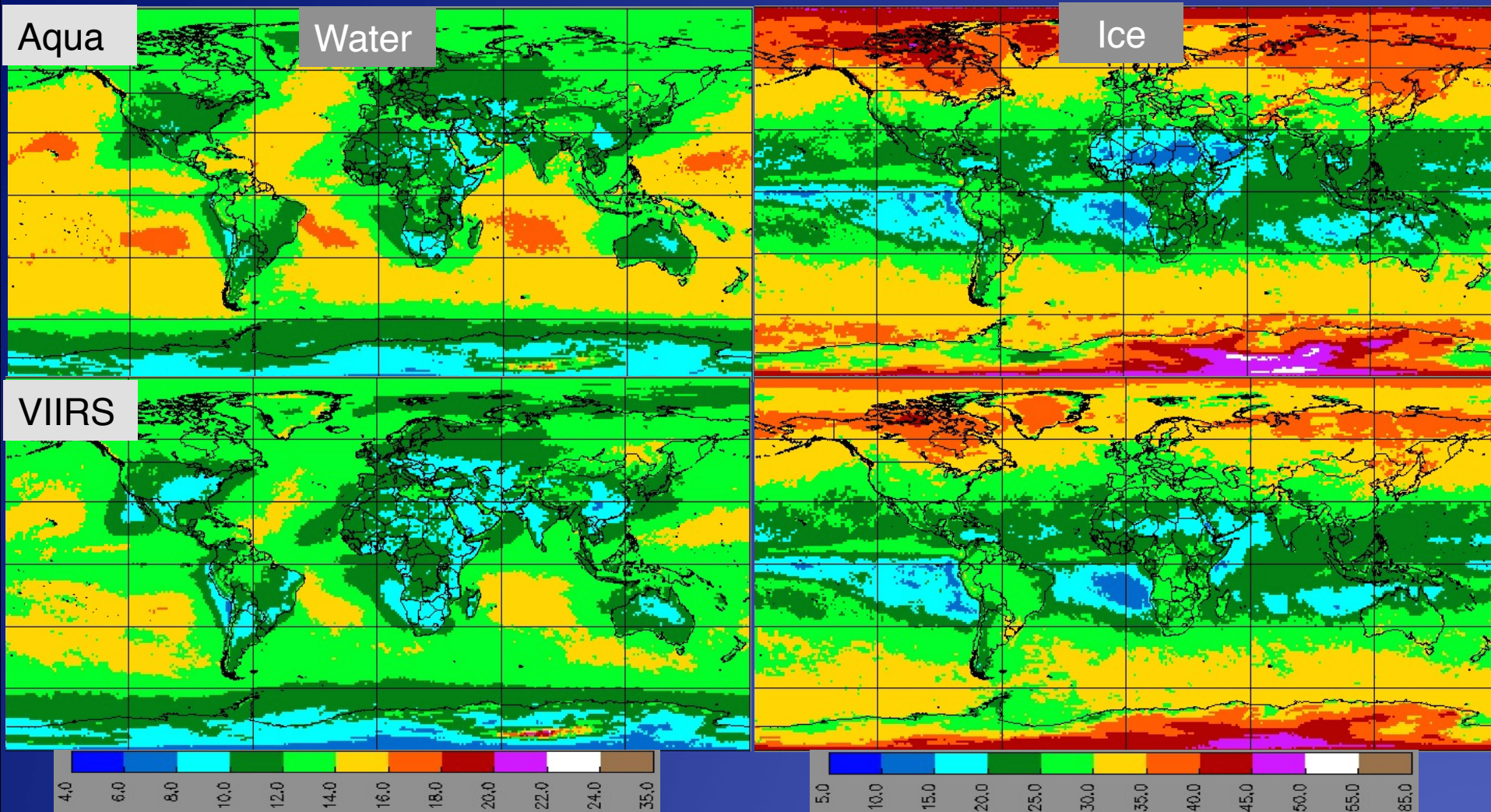


- VIIRS larger for water, resolution effect?
- VIIRS ice both smaller & larger, 10% less in mean





# Aqua & VIIRS Mean Cloud Effective Radius ( $\mu\text{m}$ ), Day 2013



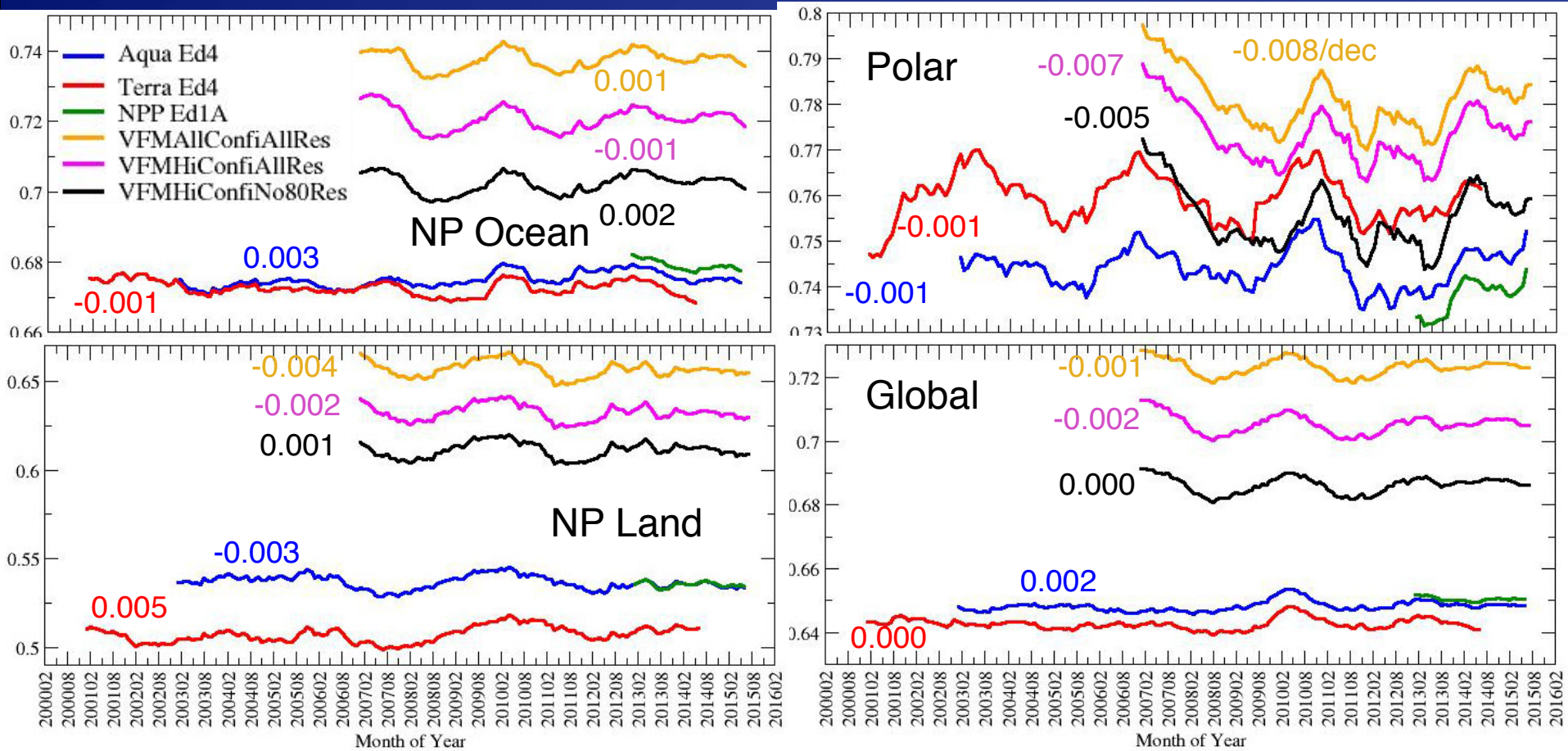
- VIIRS water smaller everywhere, new model
- VIIRS ice wee bit smaller

	<u>Aqua</u>	<u>SNPP</u>
Water	13.4	12.4
Ice	27.0	26.7





# Mean Daytime Cloud Fraction Trends (/decade) CERES MODIS, CALIPSO, 2000-2015

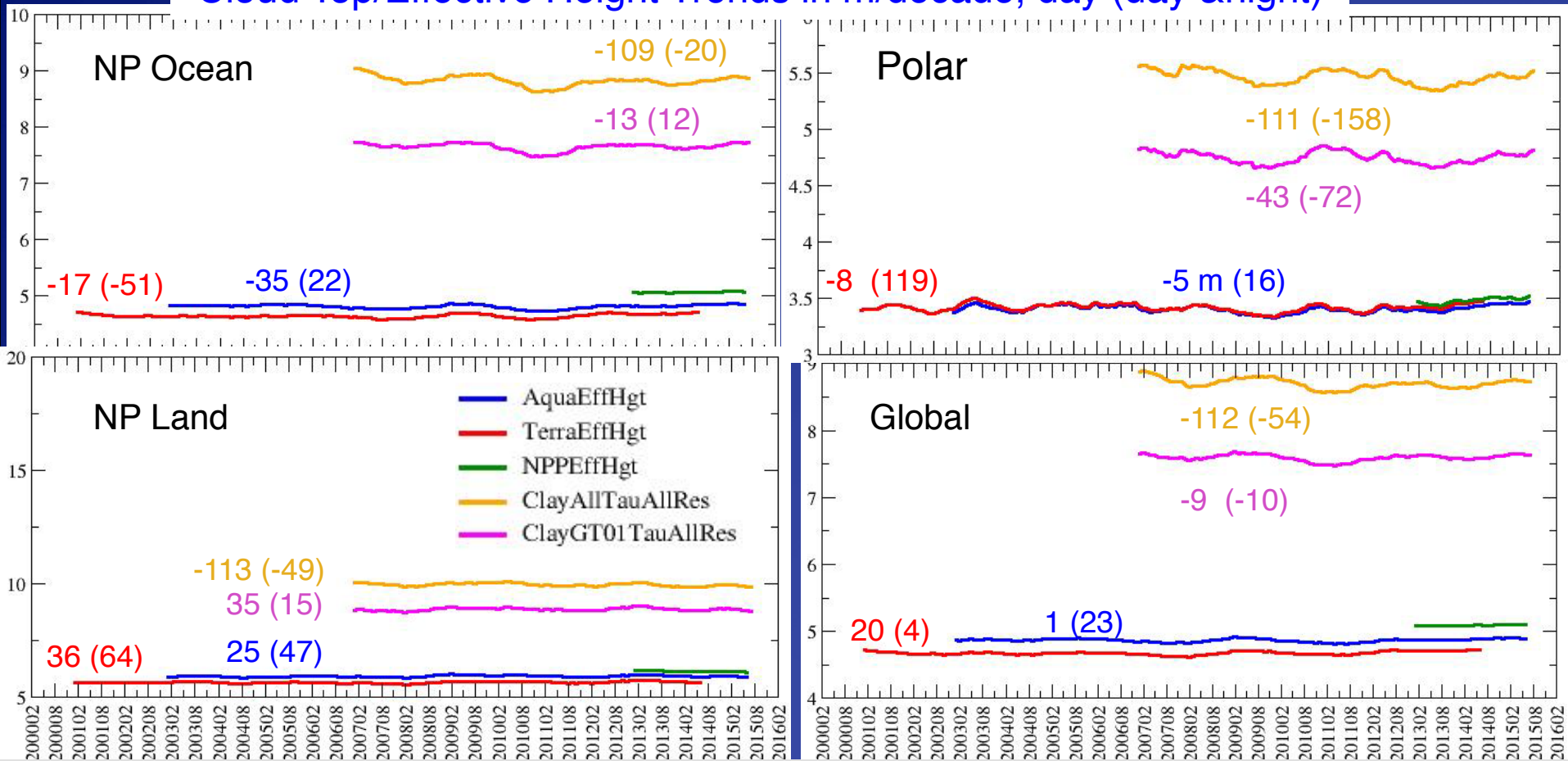


- Weak negative trends in CERES & CALIPSO cloud fractions over polar regions
  - at night, no trends seen in CALIPSO; CERES shows strong negative
- Essentially no global trends in day cloud fraction since 2000
  - at night, small positive trend in CALIPSO; CERES with small negative



# Mean Daytime Global Cloud Effective Height Trends CERES & CALIPSO (2000-2015)

Cloud Top/Effective Height Trends in m/decade, day (day & night)



- MODIS: Negative trends in day, NP ocean; positive or nil for other surfaces
- CALIPSO negative globally for 2006-2015, day and night, except thick clouds over land
  - short term trend of decreasing cloud height for thin clouds probably real (gold)
  - results suggests cloud radiating temperature increased by  $\sim 0.05 - 0.10$  K/dec over last decade based on  $\Gamma = 6.5$  K/km

# CERES GEOSat Cloud Properties

- LaRC calibration team found the degradation rates of the active GEOSAT IR sensors (GOES-13, GOES-15, MET-10) changed since 2014
  - CERES-TISA geostationary version of SATCORPS calibration modules were updated, tested and redelivered to the TISA group
- HIMAWARI-8 test code and dataset for Oct 2015 provided for dry run to test the different processes and scripts in making the SYN 1deg products
- Mask improvements
- Retrieval adjustments





# CERES GEO pixel Level 2 dataset ( June 2005 – Dec 2014) available at the ASDC- DAAC through NASA's Earthdata website :

<https://search.earthdata.nasa.gov>

Tool allows data to be ordered by temporal range and/or spatial domain

Type "**CER\_GEO**" in the search box

The screenshot displays the NASA Earthdata Search interface. At the top, the search bar contains 'CER\_GEO'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Temporal' and 'Spatial' domains, and a 'Clear Filters' button. The search results show 6 matching collections, each with a title, description, and a 'No image available' placeholder. The collections are:

- CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE09\_SH\_V01**  
CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE09\_SH\_V01 vEd4 - Atmospheric Science Data Center  
2005-01-01 to 2005-07-06 | 0 Granules
- CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE10\_NH\_V01**  
CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE10\_NH\_V01 vEd4 - Atmospheric Science Data Center  
2005-01-01 to 2007-12-12 | 7743 Granules
- CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE10\_SH\_V01**  
CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE10\_SH\_V01 vEd4 - Atmospheric Science Data Center  
2005-01-01 to 2007-12-12 | 7750 Granules
- CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE09\_NH\_V01**  
CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_GOE09\_NH\_V01 vEd4 - Atmospheric Science Data Center  
2005-01-01 to 2005-07-06 | 0 Granules
- CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_MET09\_NH\_V01**  
CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_MET09\_NH\_V01 vEd4 - Atmospheric Science Data Center  
2006-09-23 to 2014-01-21 | 740 Granules
- CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_MET09\_SH\_V01**  
CER\_GEO\_Ed4\_MET09\_SH\_V01 vEd4 - Atmospheric Science Data Center  
2006-09-23 to 2014-01-21 | 731 Granules

On the right side of the interface, a map shows the spatial domain of the data, with a red box highlighting the region of interest over the Americas. The map includes a scale bar (1000 km, 500 mi) and a 'Feedback' button.



# Cloud Mask Update for Himawari-8 (H8)

Added Satellite ID to separate Himawari with Met 10

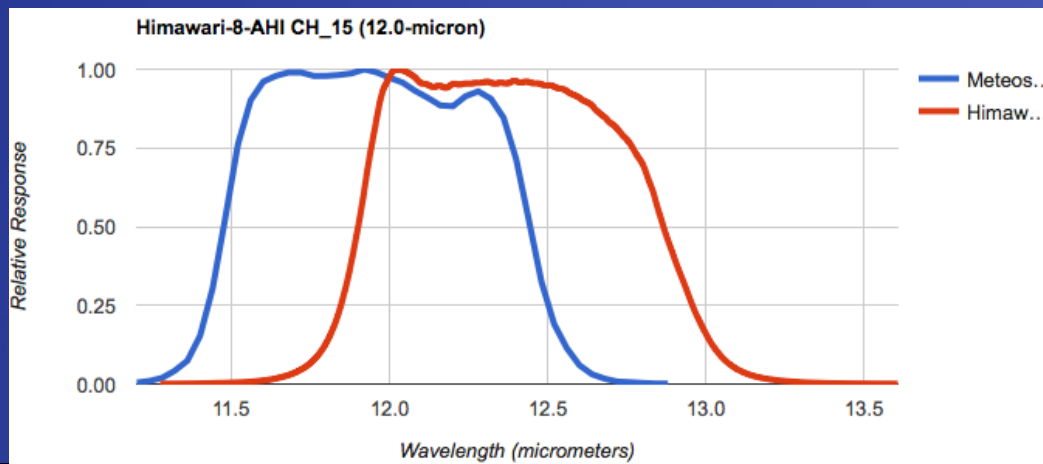
- Himawari data use same flow as Terra, VIIRS, and MSG, using 1.6, not 2.3  $\mu\text{m}$
- MSG and Himawari use Terra MODIS Polar Daytime/Twilight Masks
- Applied MSG snow detection to Himawari, differs from MODIS & VIIRS

Improved daytime cloud mask

- Refined low clouds detection over ocean
- Reduced chunky clouds along Australia coasts

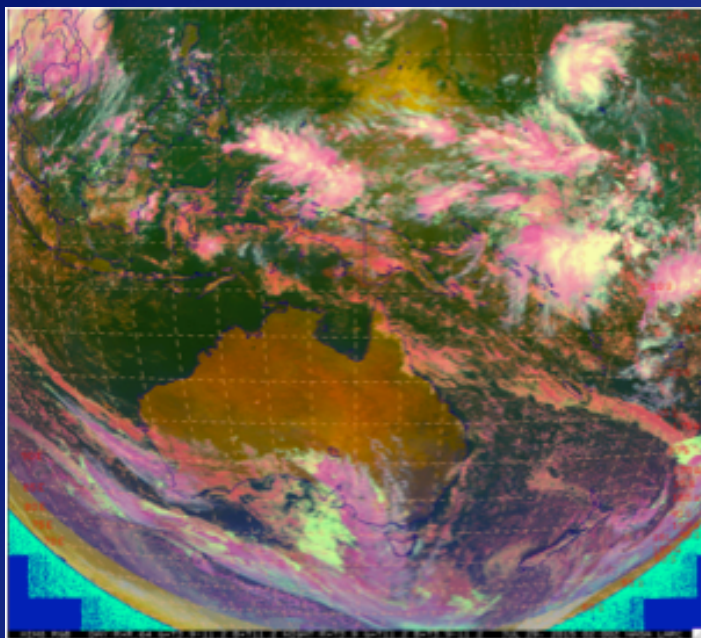
Improved nighttime mask

- Reduced false clouds over Australia desert
- Reduced questionable thin Cirrus clouds over ocean and land due to T12

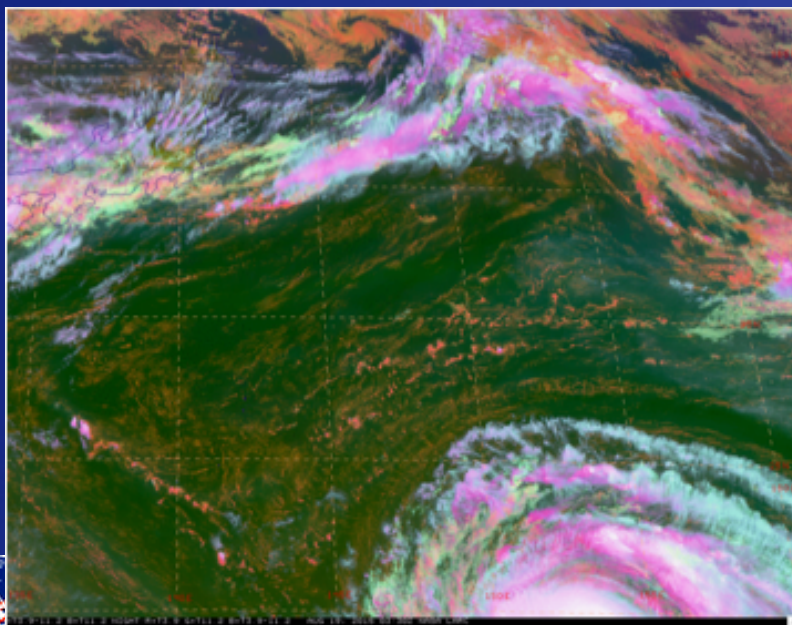
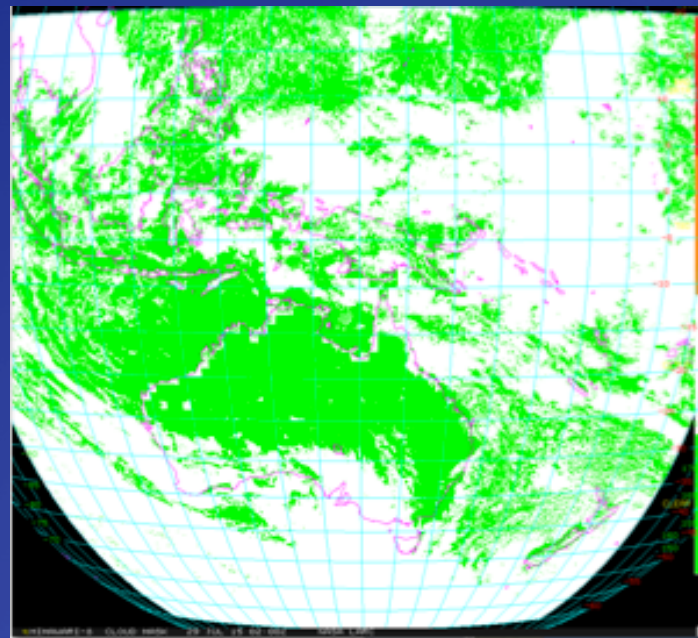


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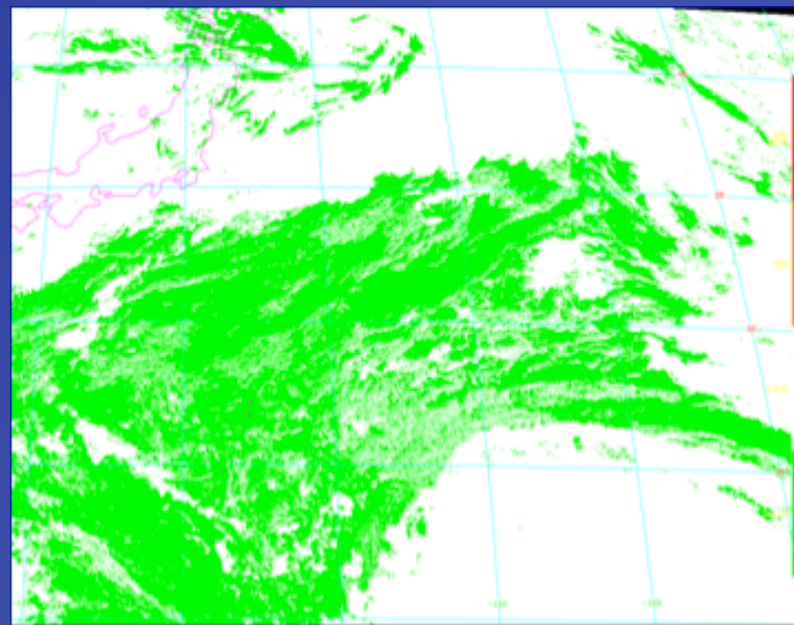
## Himawari Daytime Improvements



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2015  
0200



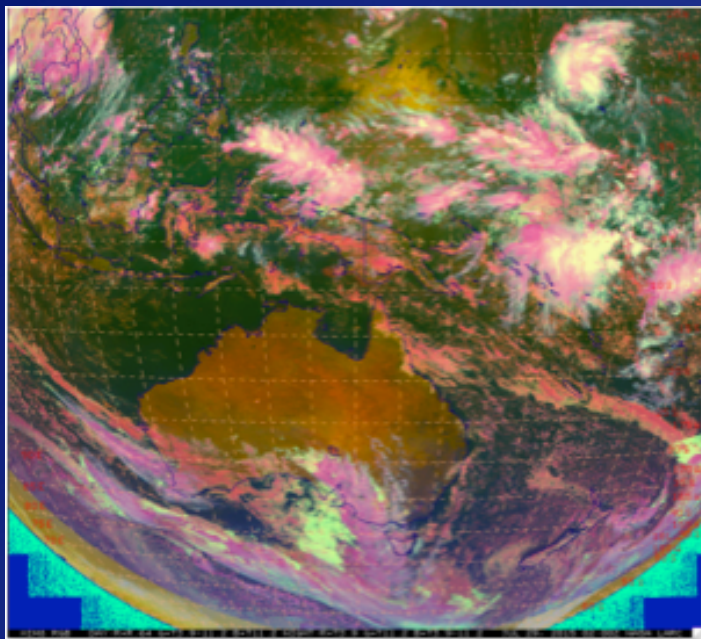
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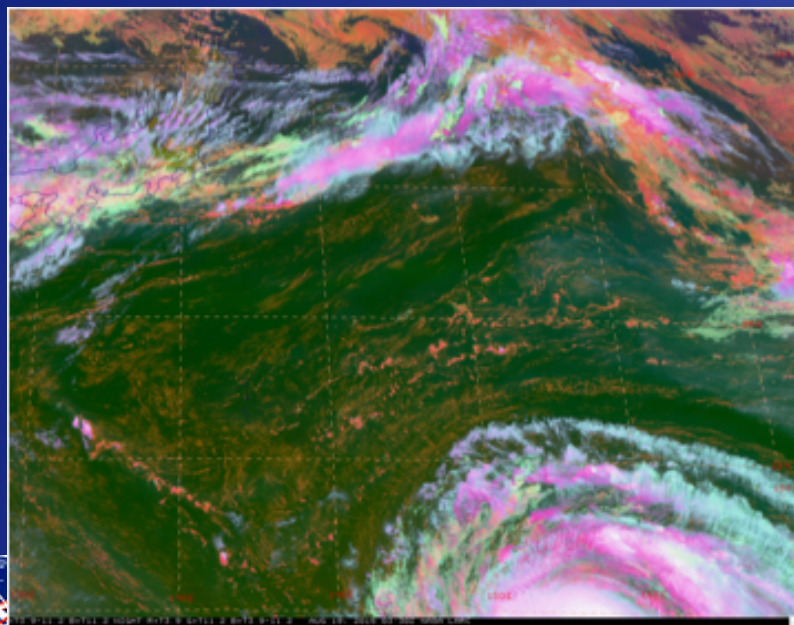
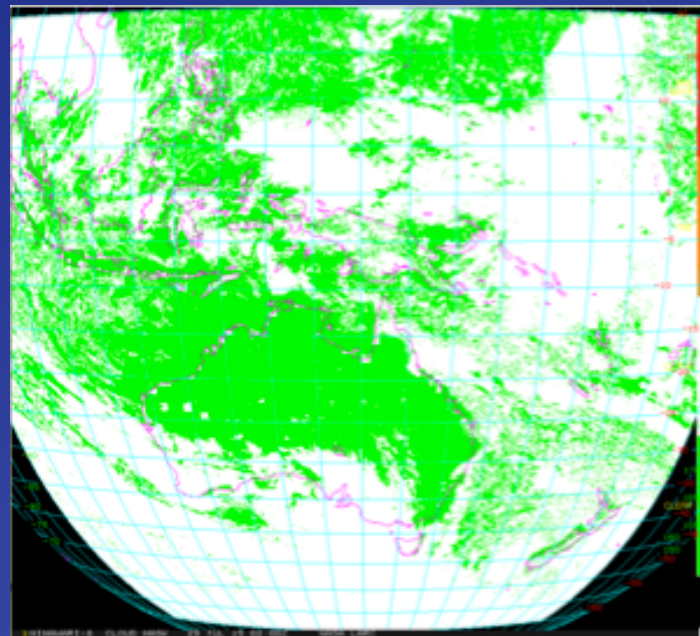


After

## Himawari Daytime Improvements

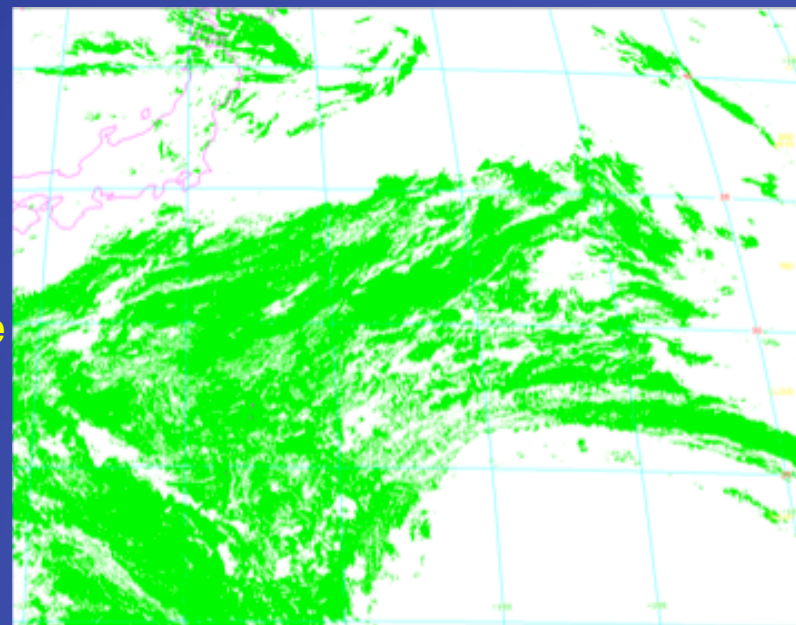


Jul 29,  
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Reduce  
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chunky  
clouds



Aug 19,  
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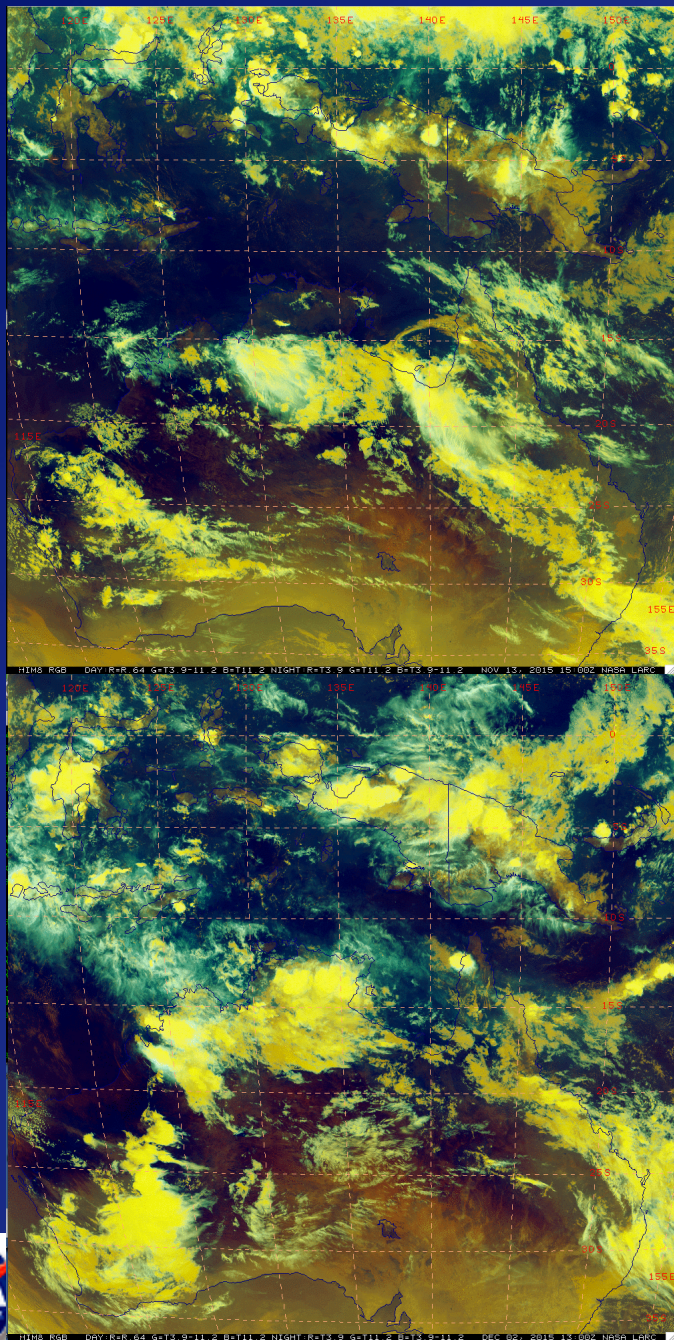
Increase  
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low  
clouds





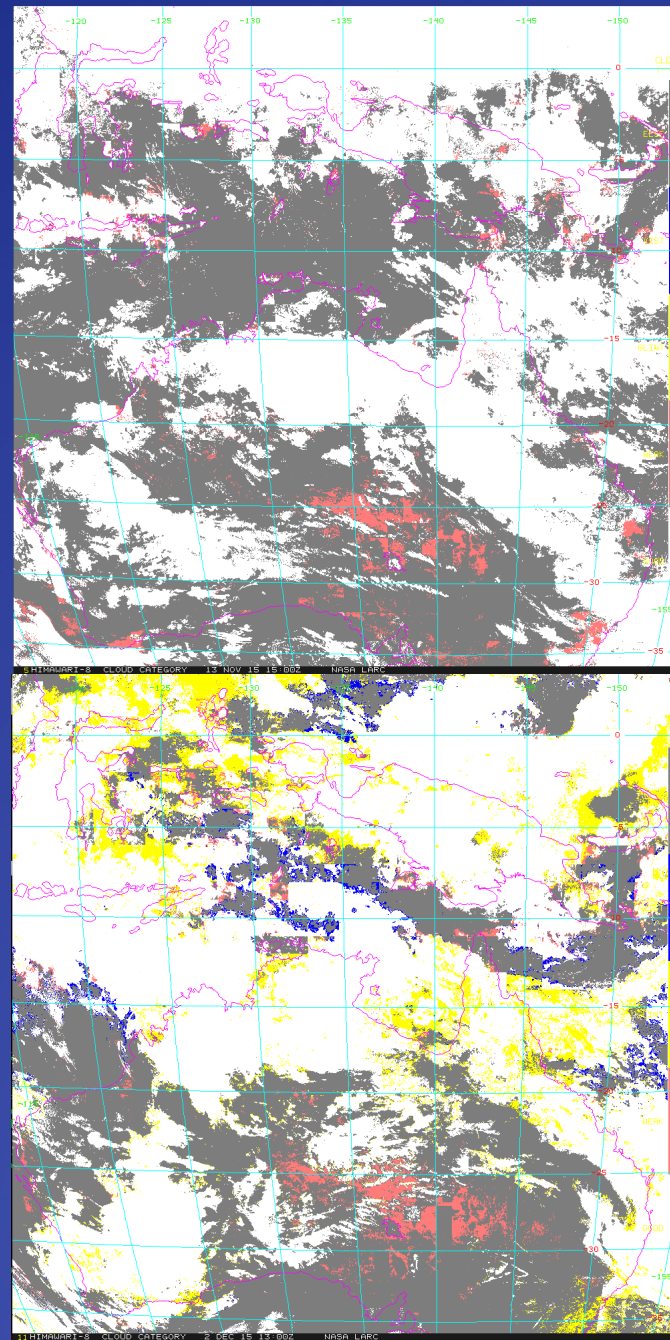
Before

Himawari – Reduced Desert False Clouds



Nov 13,  
2015  
1500 Z

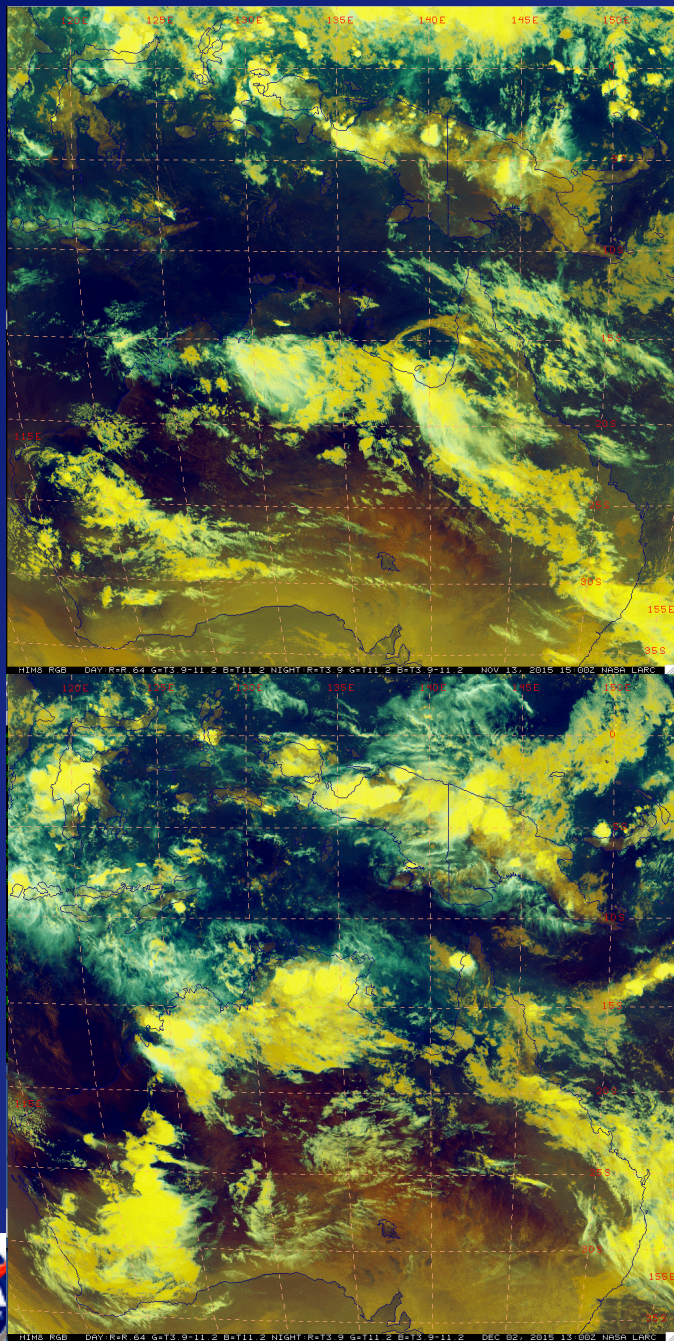
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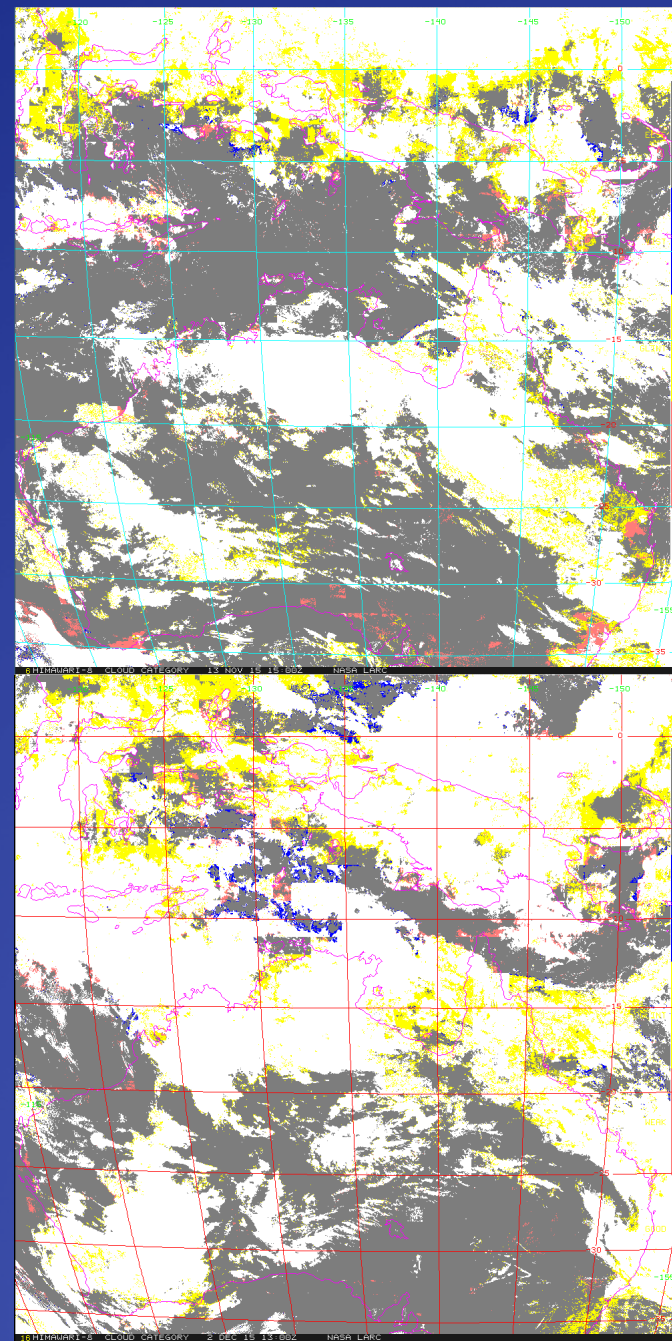
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# Himawari – Reduced Desert False Clouds



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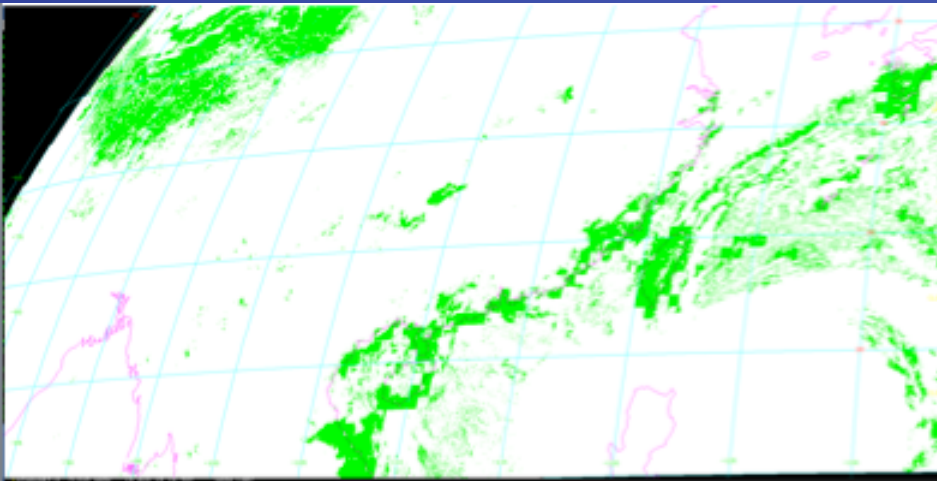
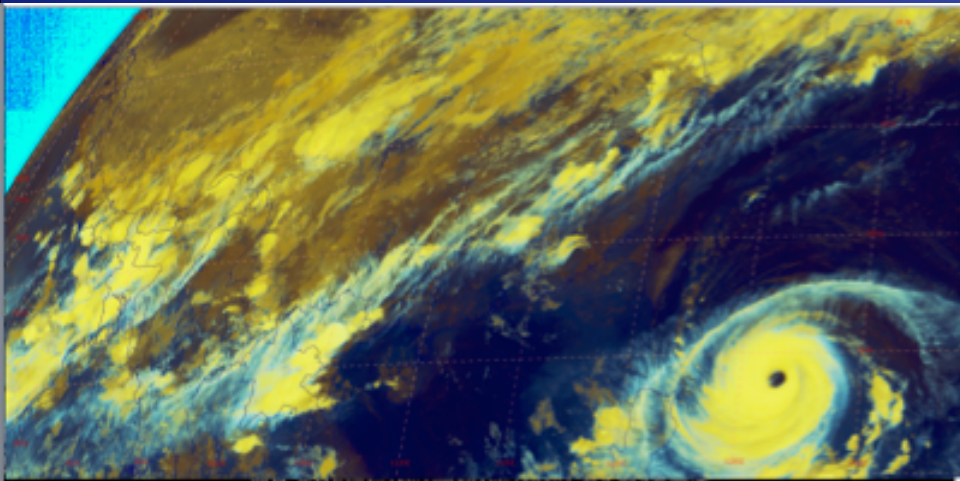
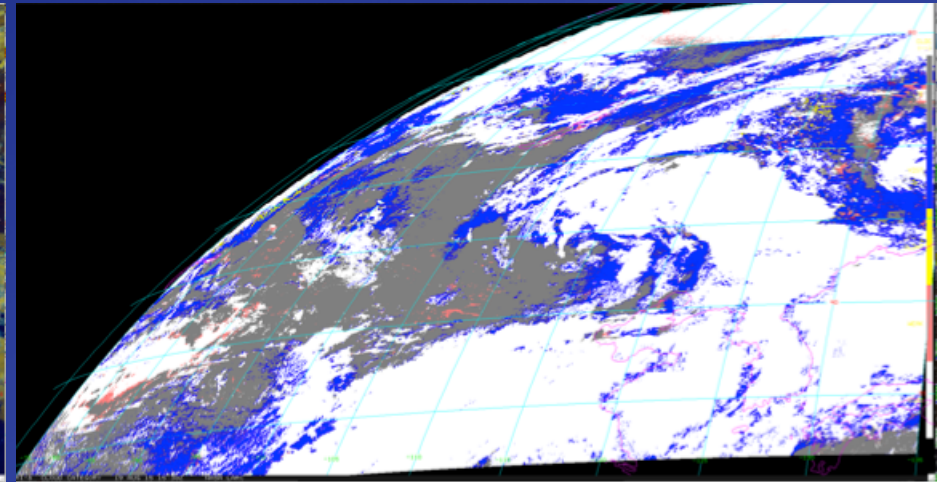
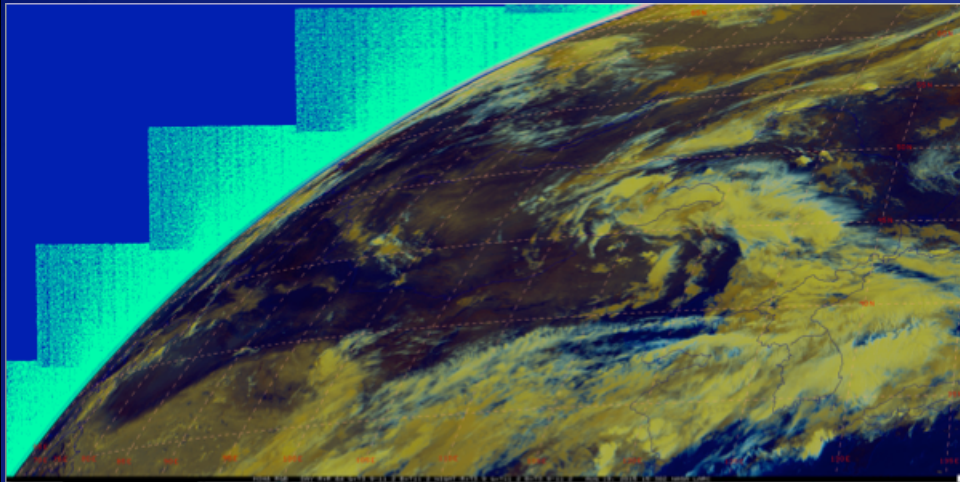




# Himawari – Reduced false clouds over land and ocean

Before

Aug 19, 2015 1530

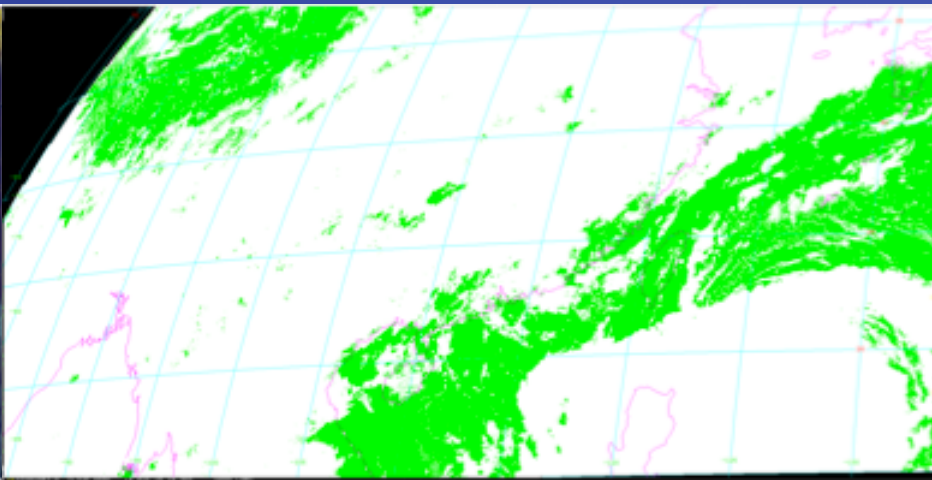
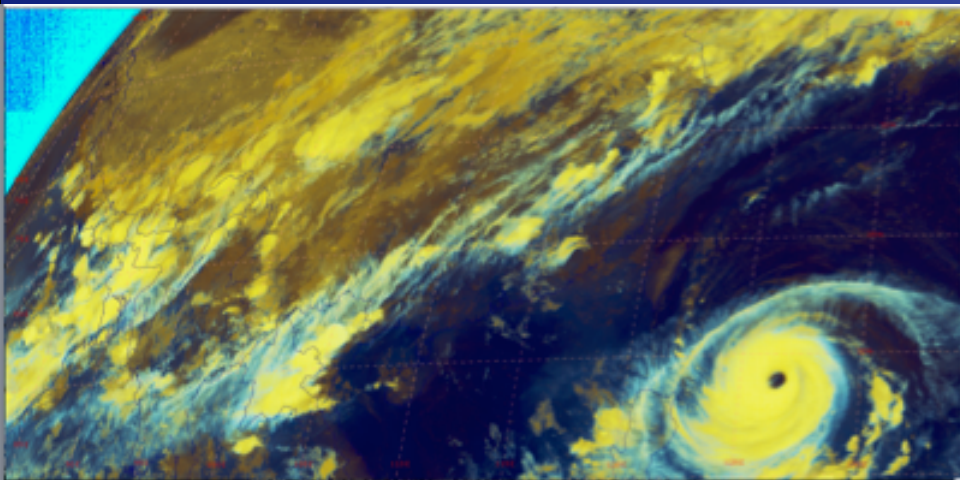
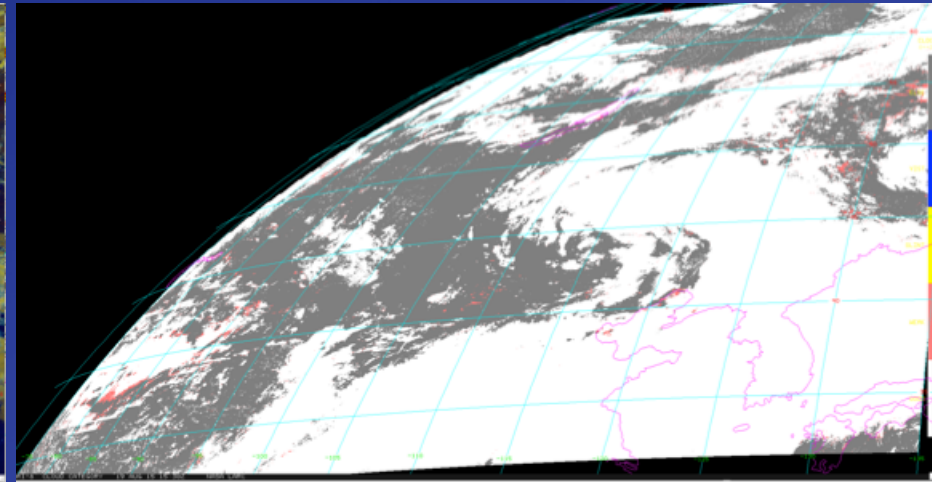
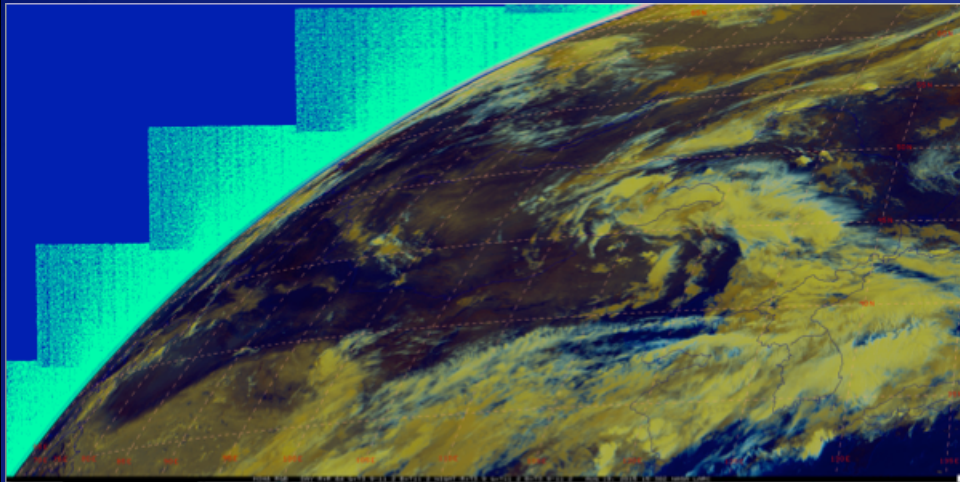




# Himawari – Reduced false clouds over land and ocean

After

Aug 19, 2015 1530



# Summary of Mask Comparison With CALISPO

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File

Edit

Search

Preferences

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Macro

Windows

Help

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C: 0

===== 0 < SZA < 180 (all) =====

CALIPSO

		CLEAR	CLOUD	TOTALS
GEO	CLEAR	811 ( 15.0%)	349 ( 6.5%)	1160 ( 21.5%)
	CLOUD	278 ( 5.2%)	3958 ( 73.4%)	4236 ( 78.5%)
	TOTALS	1089 ( 20.2%)	4307 ( 79.8%)	5396 (100.0%)
FC	= 0.884		H = 0.919	FAR = 0.066
CSI	= 0.863		B = 0.98	HSS = 0.65

===== SZA < 82.0 (day) =====

CALIPSO

		CLEAR	CLOUD	TOTALS
GEO	CLEAR	663 ( 18.1%)	278 ( 7.6%)	941 ( 25.6%)
	CLOUD	193 ( 5.3%)	2539 ( 69.1%)	2732 ( 74.4%)
	TOTALS	856 ( 23.3%)	2817 ( 76.7%)	3673 (100.0%)
FC	= 0.872		H = 0.901	FAR = 0.071
CSI	= 0.844		B = 0.97	HSS = 0.65

===== SZA > 82.0 (night) =====

CALIPSO

		CLEAR	CLOUD	TOTALS
GEO	CLEAR	148 ( 8.6%)	71 ( 4.1%)	219 ( 12.7%)
	CLOUD	85 ( 4.9%)	1419 ( 82.4%)	1504 ( 87.3%)
	TOTALS	233 ( 13.5%)	1490 ( 86.5%)	1723 (100.0%)
FC	= 0.909		H = 0.952	FAR = 0.057
CSI	= 0.901		B = 1.01	HSS = 0.60

CALIPSO-GEO.MASK.LAND.txt - /CLOUDS/cyost/GEO/validation/contabs/

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[===== 0 < SZA < 180 (all) =====

CALIPSO

- 87.2%, 92.5% fraction correct over ocean, land in daytime
- 90.9%, 90.1% fraction correct over ocean, land at night
- Preliminary result for two overpasses, 0330/1530 UTC, 19 August 2015
- Additional comparisons to be done





# Himiwari-8 Retrievals

## No Retrievals

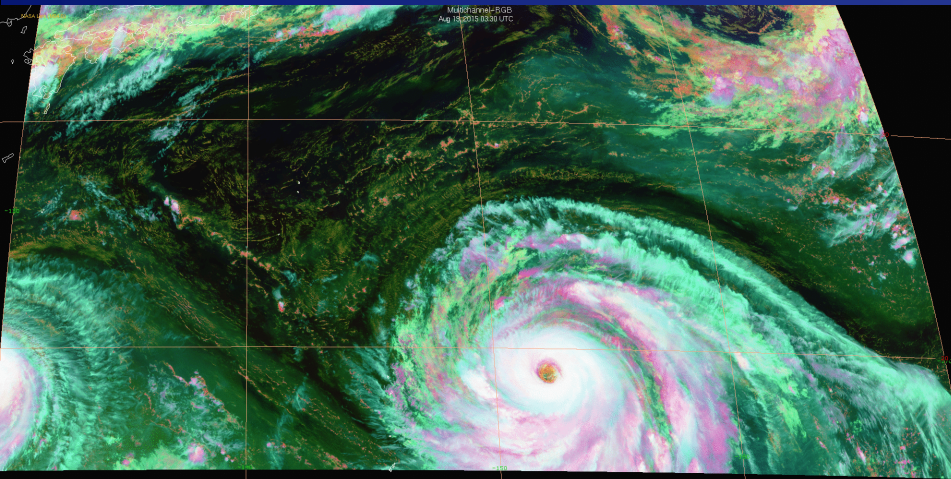
- Initial runs yield reasonable results, but  $> 10\%$  cloud pixels give no retrieval
  - *wreaks havoc on computed TOA fluxes*
- Developed new interpolation codes to fill no retrievals and other defaults
  - *assumes average  $Re$  for given level (default otherwise)*
  - *computes  $\tau$  and  $T_{cld}$*
- Apply fixed- $Re$  SIST for no retrievals of obvious cirrus clouds
  - *assumes  $Re$  and uses 11 and 12  $\mu m$  channels only*
- Delivery this week



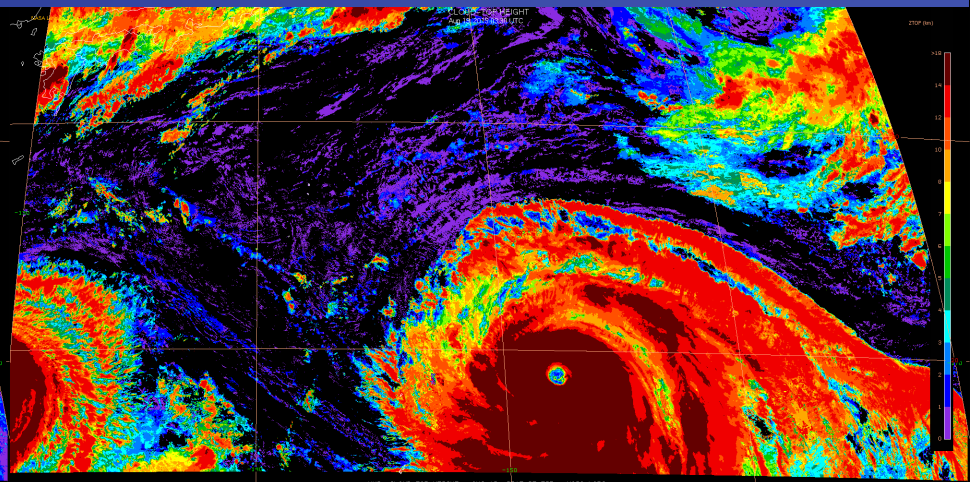
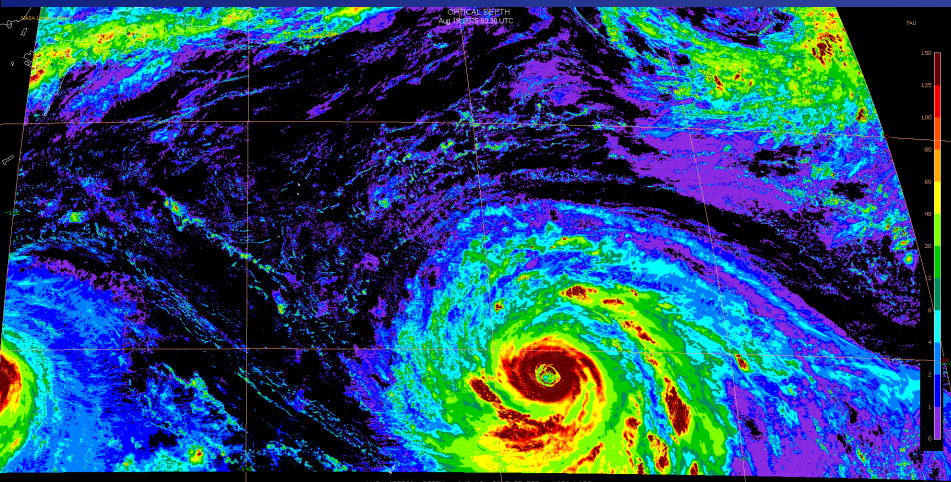
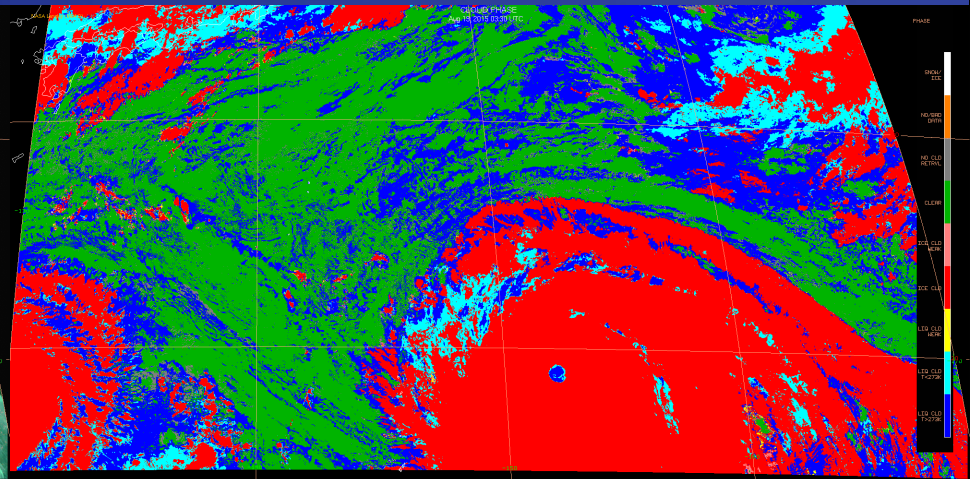
# Himwari-8 Cloud Properties

0330 UTC, 19 August 2015

RGB



Phase



COD

Ztop





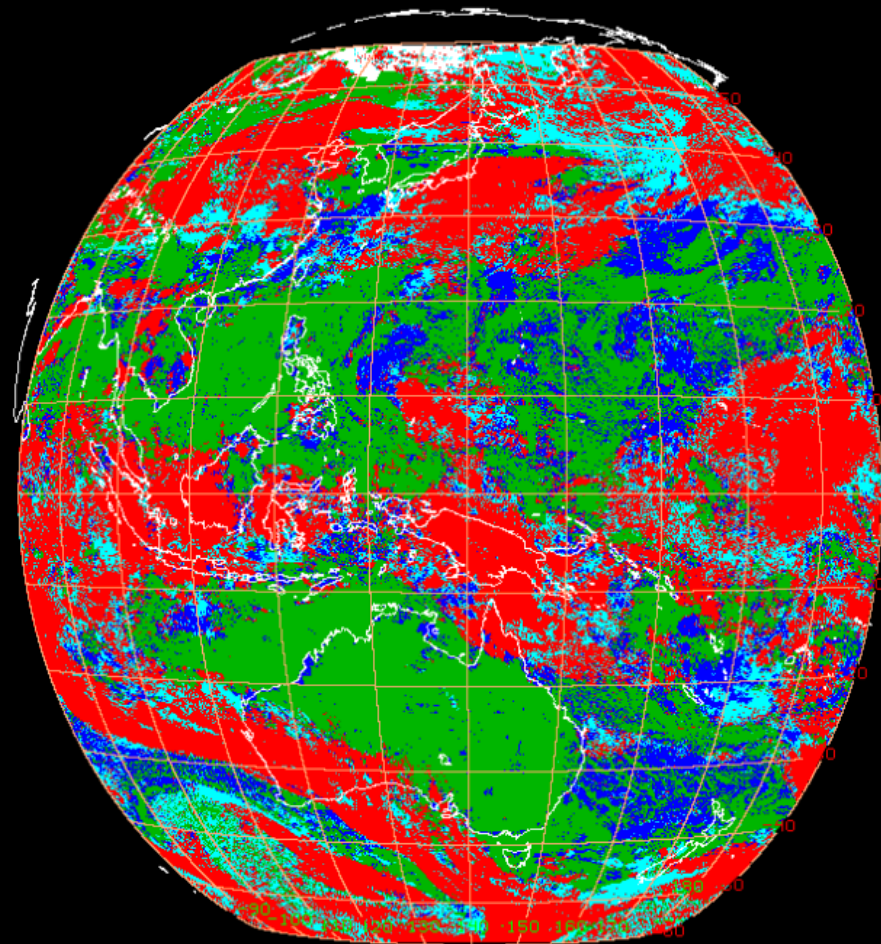
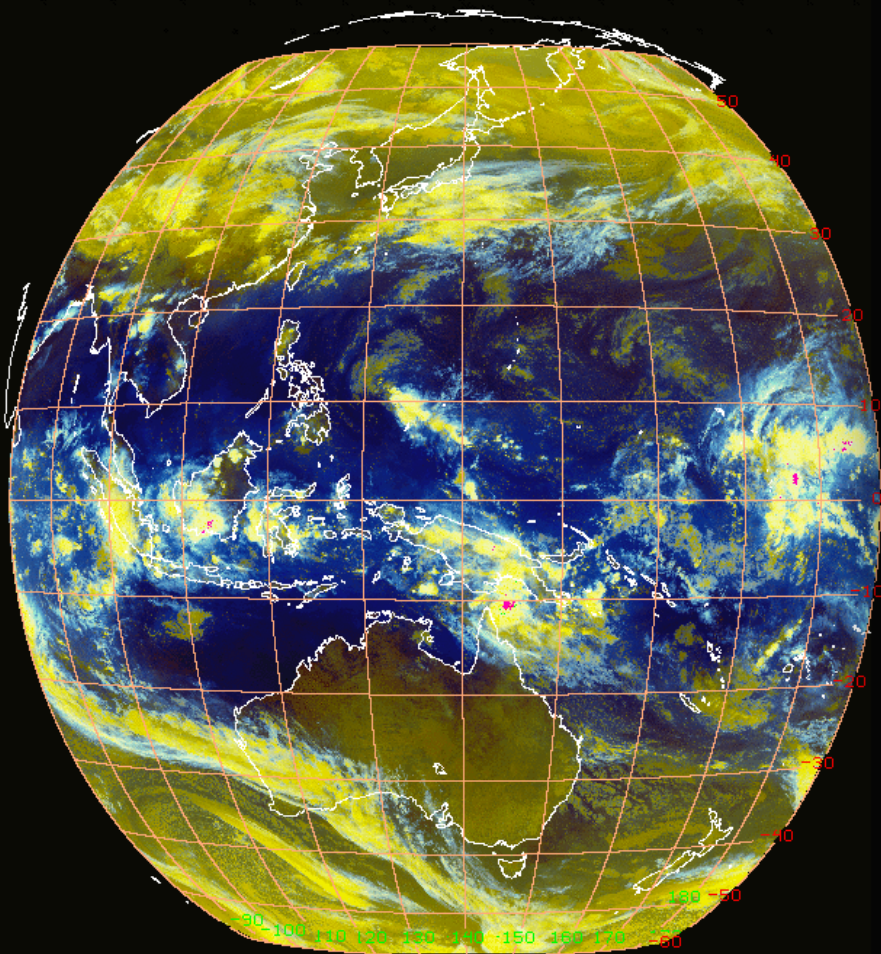
# Himawari-8 Cloud Phase, 1500 UTC, 25 April 2016

A Larc (M03.0)

Multichannel (RED=T3.9 GRN=T11 BLUE=T3.9-11)  
Apr 25, 2016 15:00 UTC

NASA Langley (M03.0)

CLOUD PHASE  
Apr 25, 2016 15:00 UTC



# Toward Edition 5

- Use MODIS Collection 6 calibrations
  - *improve front end of Terra VIS and maybe later A/T VIS*
  - *remove variations in Terra 3.7 & possible 11/12- $\mu$ m calibration shortcomings*
- Employ new 2-Habit model from P. Yang for ice clouds
  - testing still underway
- Revised algorithms for 1.24, 1.6, and 2.1  $\mu$ m retrievals
  - *optimal multi-channel algorithm for cloud/snow retrievals*
- Nighttime ice cloud optical depths from neural network
- Improving multi-layer algorithms
- Surface skin temperature





## MODIS Collection 5 vs. Collection 6

Analyze using C6 with current algorithms and compare with

- 1) Collection 5 w/o CERES calibrations applied
- 2) Collection 5 with CERES calibrations applied
  - Terra VIS channel normalization to Aqua
    - *Aqua assumed stable*
  - Terra 3.8- $\mu\text{m}$  normalization to Aqua
    - *night has large effect*
    - *day small Re effect*
  - All other channels assumed to be fine
- 3) Use only Oct data from 2005 - 2014

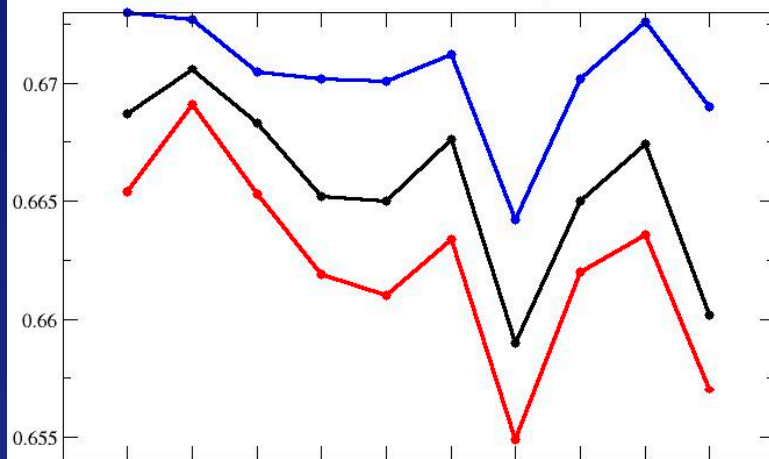


# Day Cloud Fraction from MODIS C5 and C6, October 2005-2014

Non polar

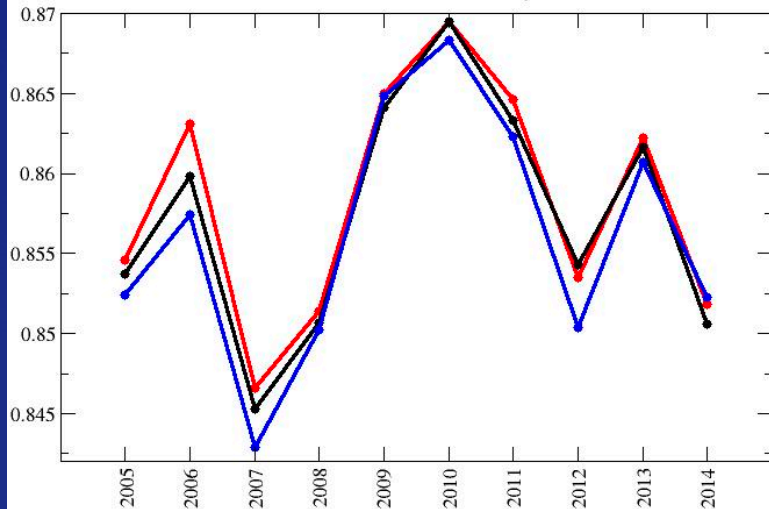
Ocean

Ocean Non Polar Total Phase Day



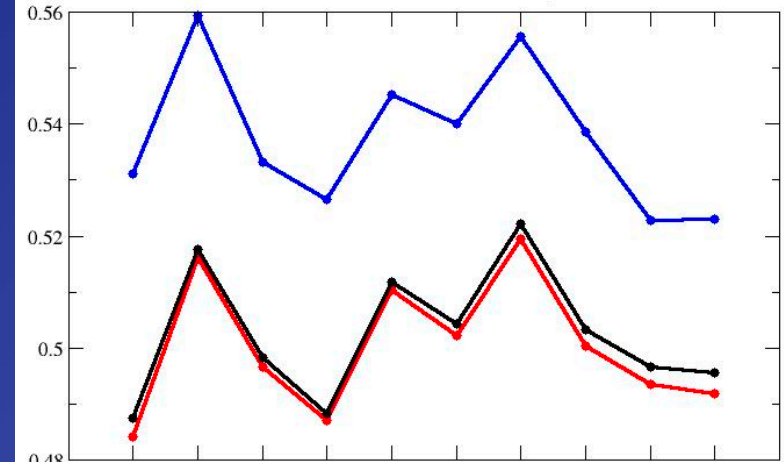
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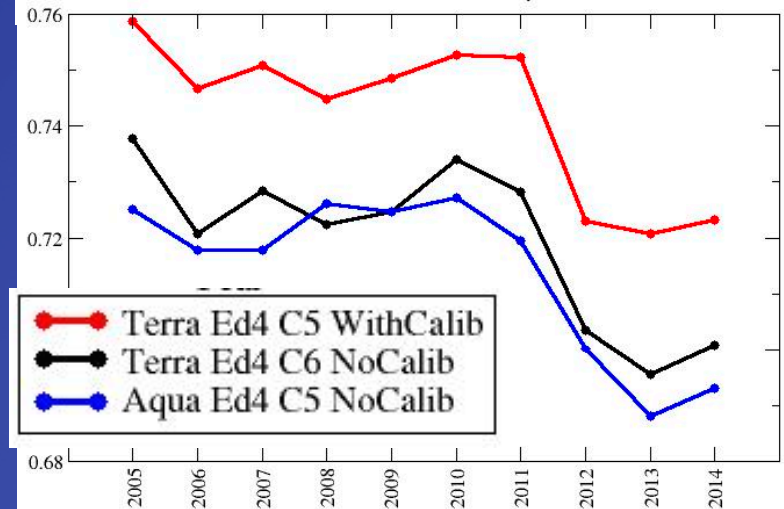





Land

Land Non Polar Total Phase Day



Land Polar Total Phase Day



 Terra Ed4 C5 WithCalib  
 Terra Ed4 C6 NoCalib  
 Aqua Ed4 C5 NoCalib

- NP cloud fraction increased  $\sim 0.005$  over ocean and land
- Better consistency with Aqua over polar regions (other channel calibs)

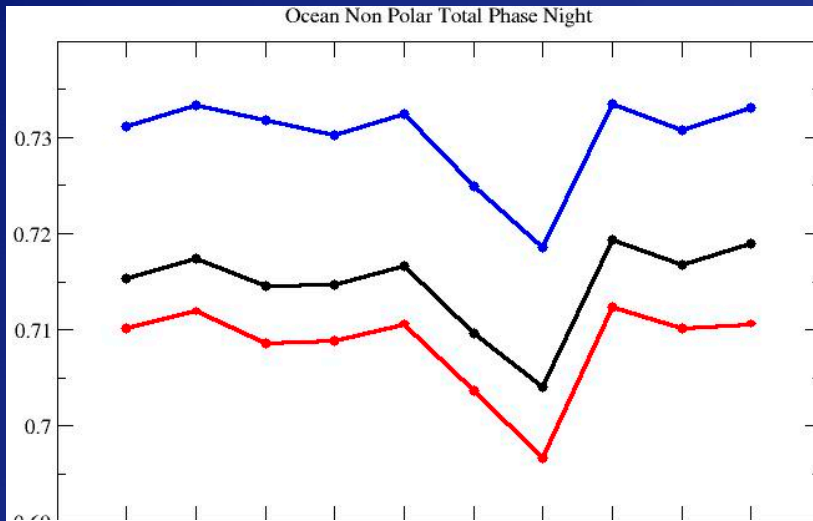




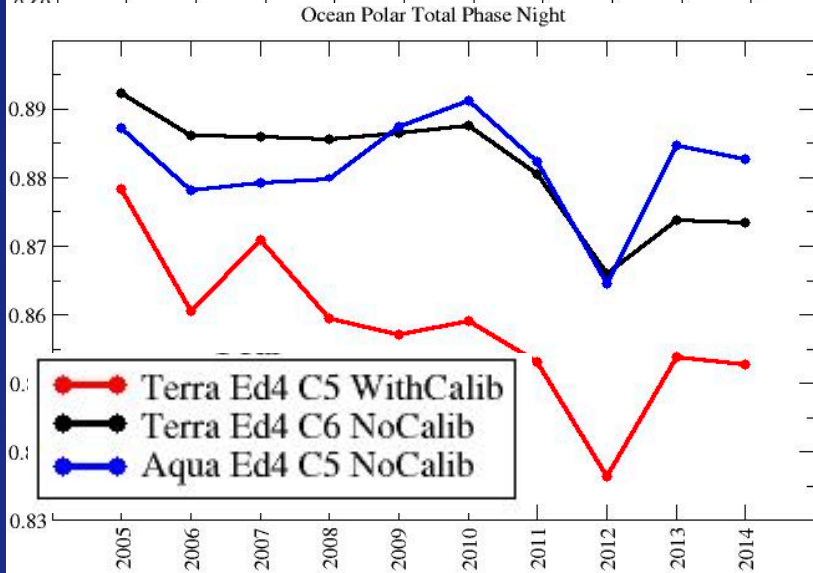
# Night Cloud Fraction from MODIS C5 and C6, October 2005-2014

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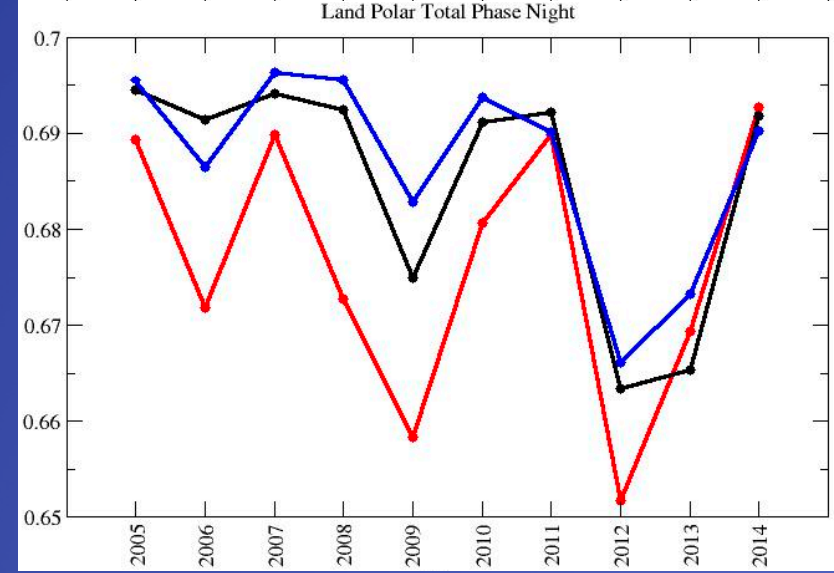
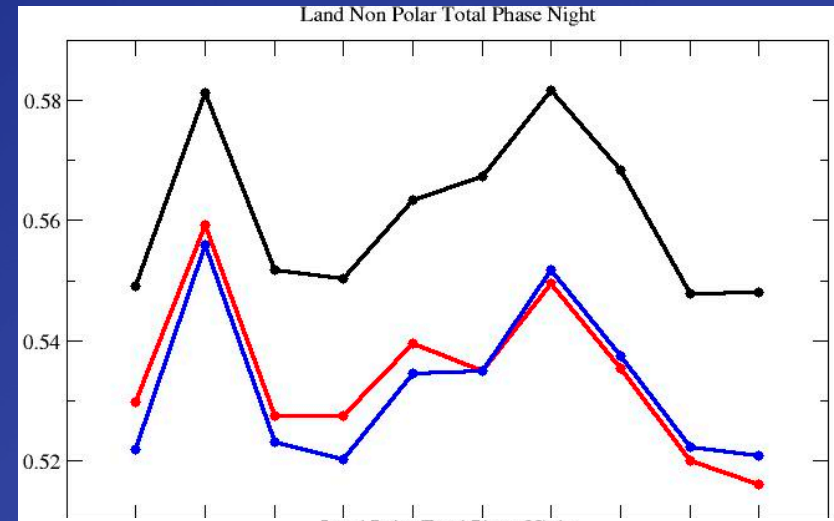
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Polar



## Land



- NP cloud fraction increased  $\sim 0.005$  over ocean,  $0.02$  over land
- Better consistency with Aqua over polar regions (other channel calibs)

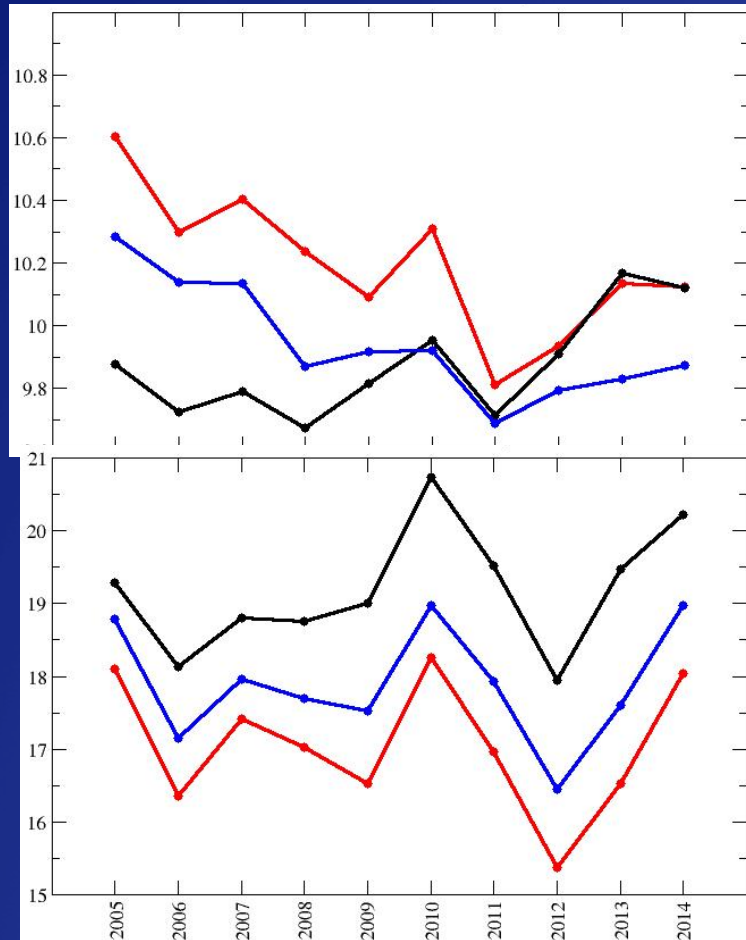


# Day Cloud Optical Depth from MODIS C5 and C6, October 2005-2014

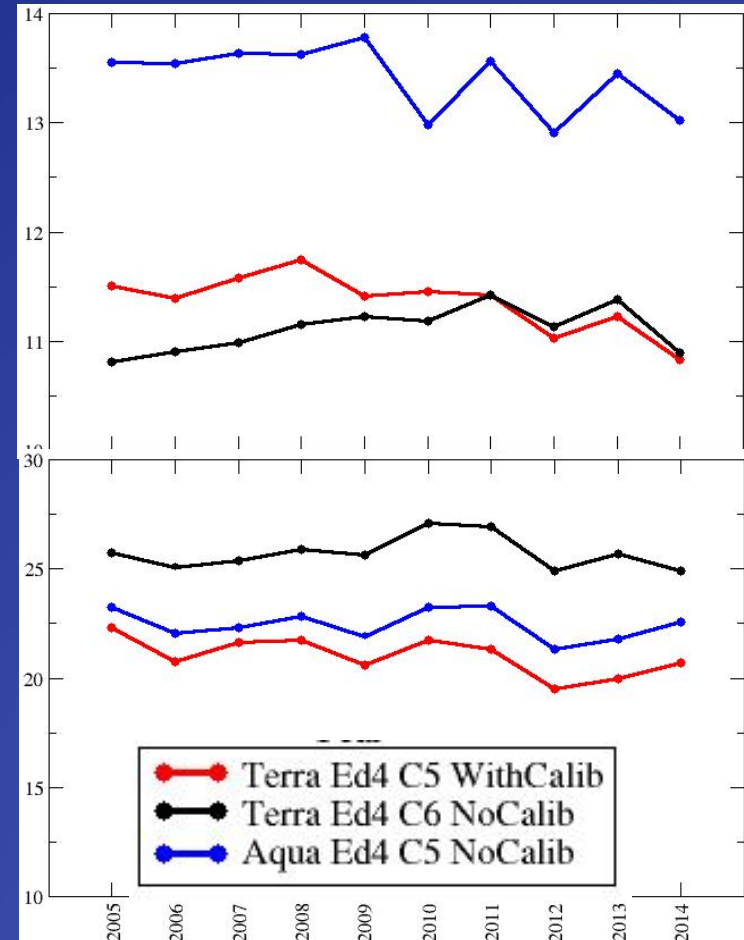
Ocean

Land

Non  
polar



Polar



- NP COD decreased  $\sim 0.6$  over ocean and land, agree in later years
  - Aqua calib diminished and took Terra C5 with it
  - C6 not normalized to Aqua, so meets C5 cal in later years
- Polar COD increased by 2.0 ( $1.24 \mu\text{m}$  calib), less consistency w/ Aqua
  - need to check Aqua C6



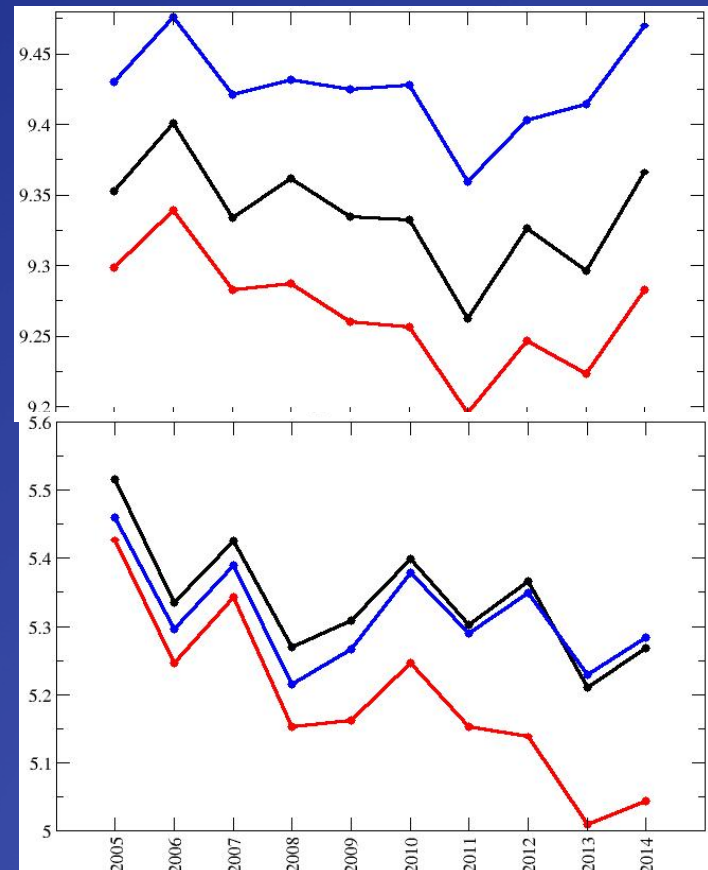
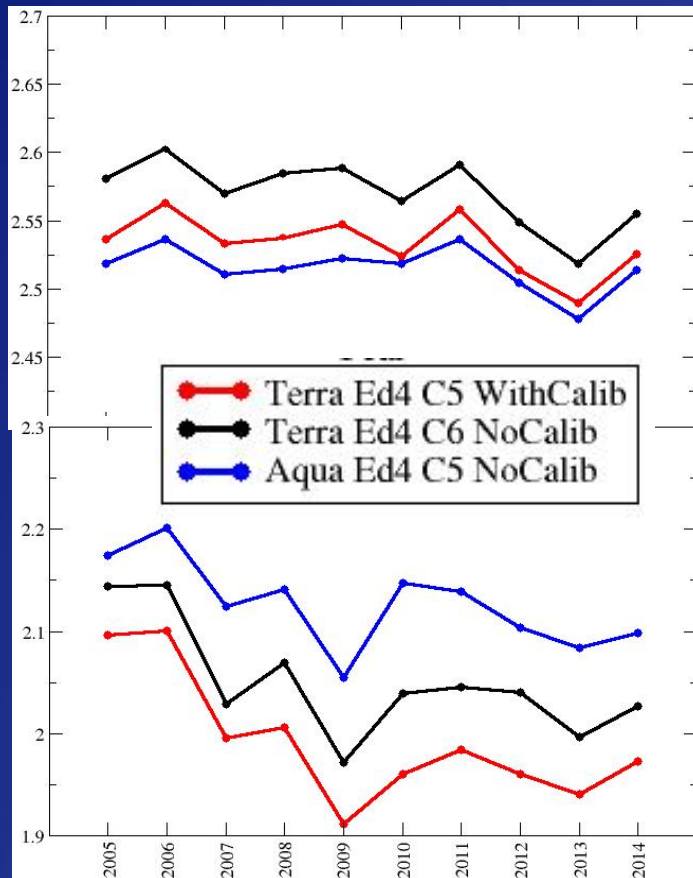


# Day Cloud Eff Height (km) from MODIS C5 and C6, October 2005-2014

Water

Ice

Non  
polar



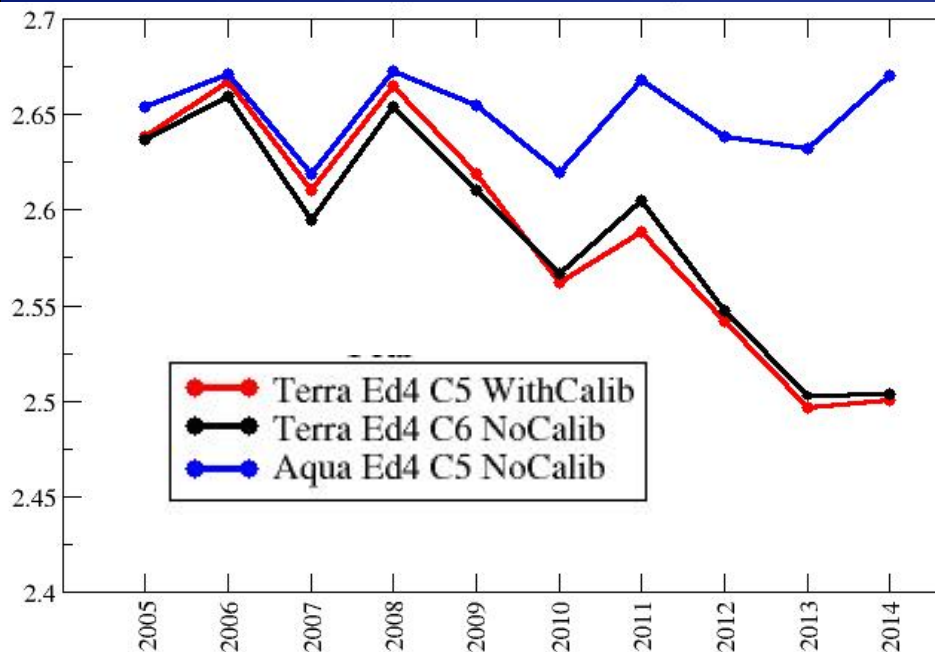
Polar

- NP Zeff increased ~50-75 m for ice and water
- Polar Zeff increased by 50-200 m and more consistency w/ Aqua  
- need to check Aqua C6

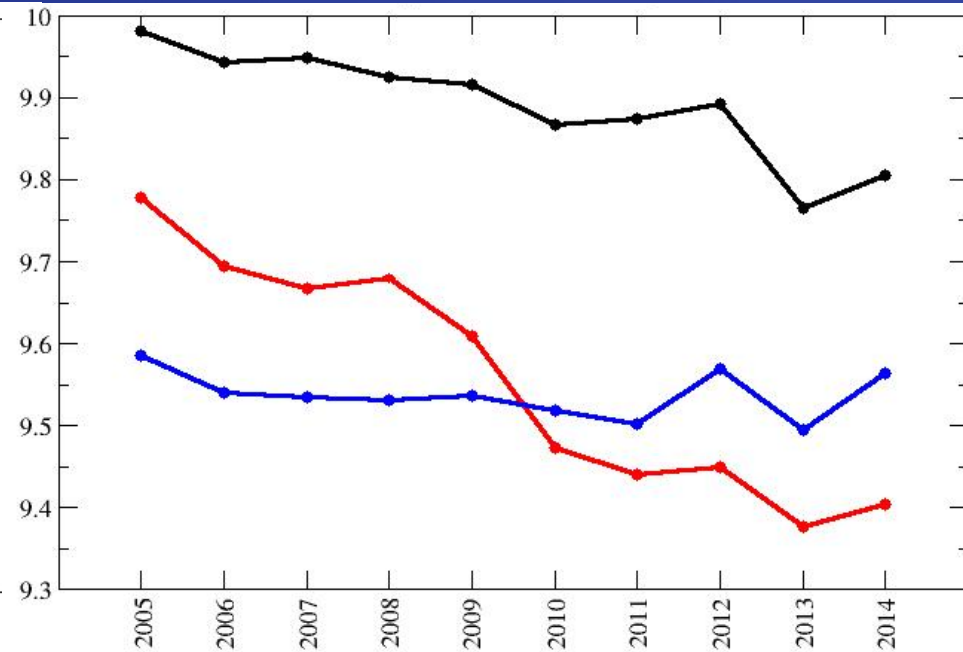


# Night Cloud Eff Height (km) from MODIS C5 and C6, October 2005-2014 Global

## Water



## Ice



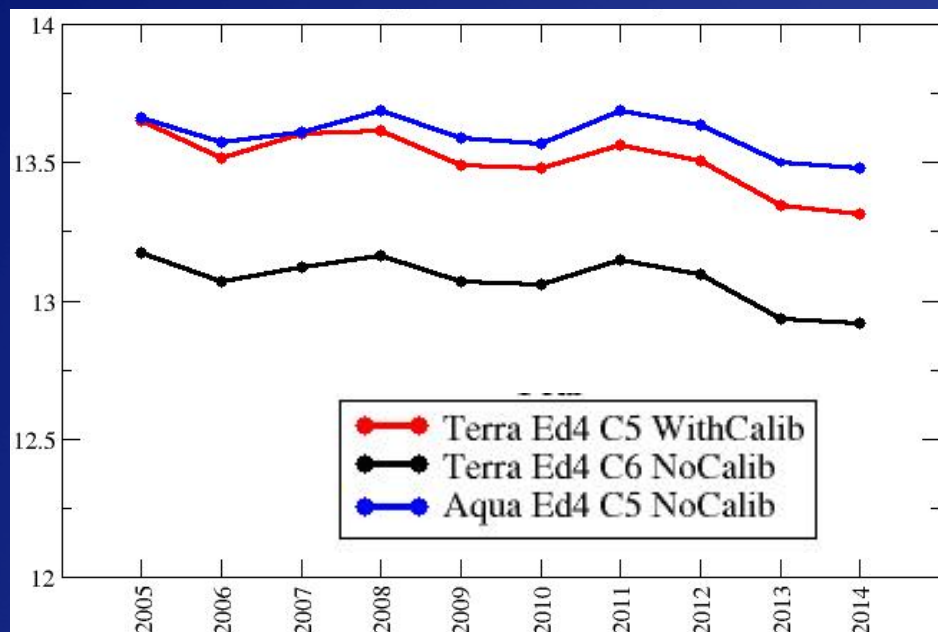
- Negligible change in water cloud heights at night
- Ice cloud Zeff ~200 m higher through 2008, 500 m after 2008
  - *SIST* more sensitive to 3.8- $\mu$ m calib at lower temperatures
  - Used 2010 correction to 3.8  $\mu$ m after 2010
  - > 2008 correction may be overdone



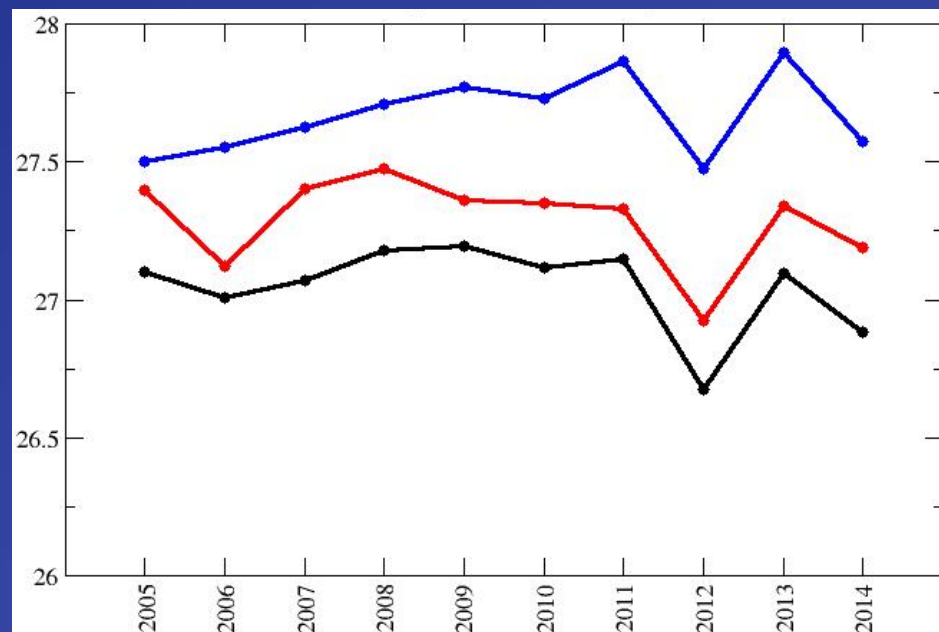


# Day Cloud Particle Eff Radius ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) from MODIS C5 & C6, Oct 2005-2014 Global

## Water



## Ice



- Reff decreased  $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  for ice and water
  - Terra C5 normalized to Aqua C5, no adjustment for C6
  - $0.55 \text{ K}$  difference  $\Rightarrow 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  Reff change

## C5-C6 Summary & Future

- Changes caused by C6 calibrations not enormous, but significant
- Most impactful problem is degradation of Aqua calibration
  - induces artificial trends in C5 Aqua and Terra
- Unmaintained nocturnal  $3.7\ \mu\text{m}$  corrections introduce trends at night

### **For Ed5, using C6, we will need to**

- Rely on C6 infrared channel calibrations
  - apply daytime normalization for Reff
- Account for Aqua VIS channel degradation after 2008
  - apply constant normalization to Terra to insure Aqua/Terra consistency
- Utilize C6 calibrations for NIR channels
  - adjust clear-sky maps based on C5 calibrations





# Ice Particle Models

- New ice model delivered several times from Yang group
  - 2 habit roughened: ice columns and aggregates
- Been unable to achieve reduction in cirrus COD with the new model
  - published version (Liu et al. ACP, 14) yields 50% reduction
- Interaction with Yang group to acquire the correct model
  - been through several iterations
  - Liu back in China, model is being recreated with improvements
    - *no hollow columns*

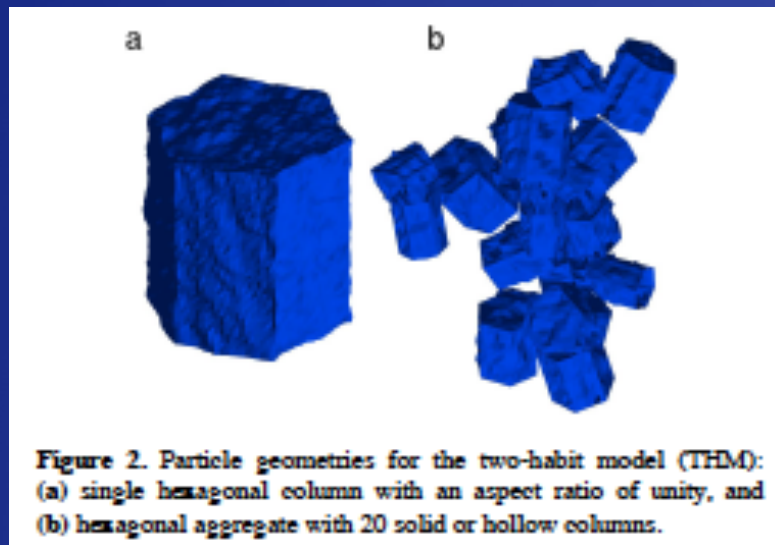
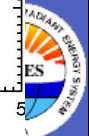
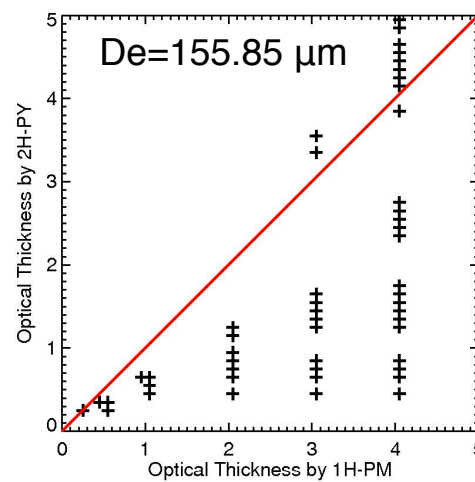
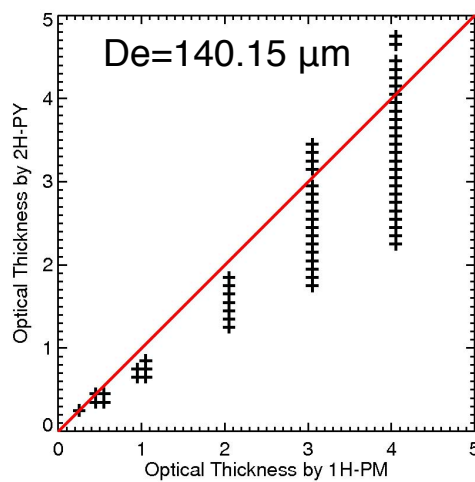
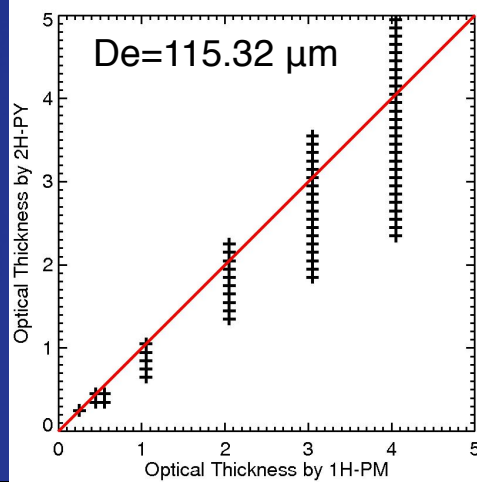
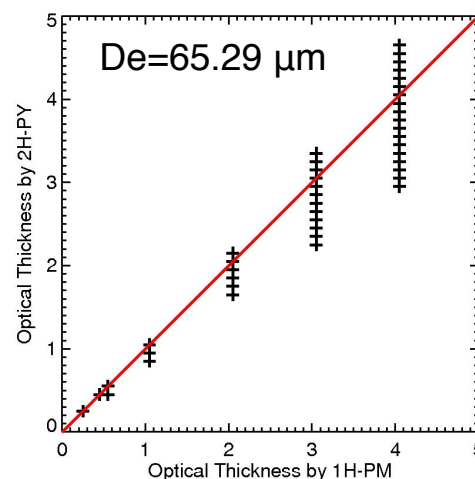
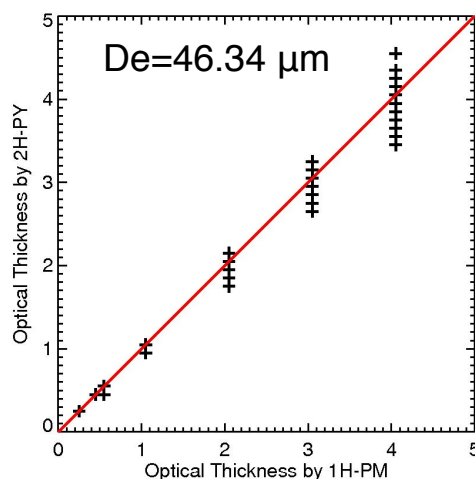
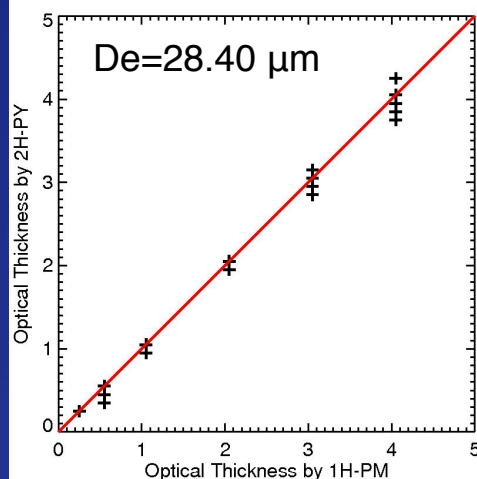
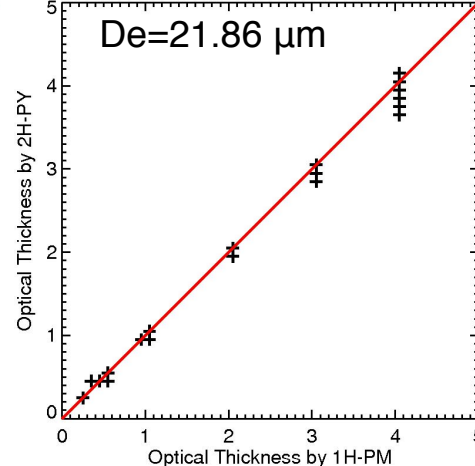
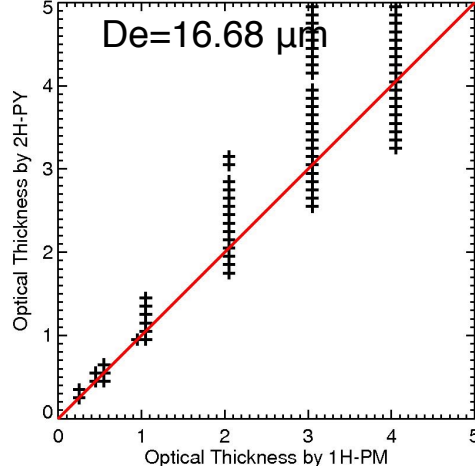
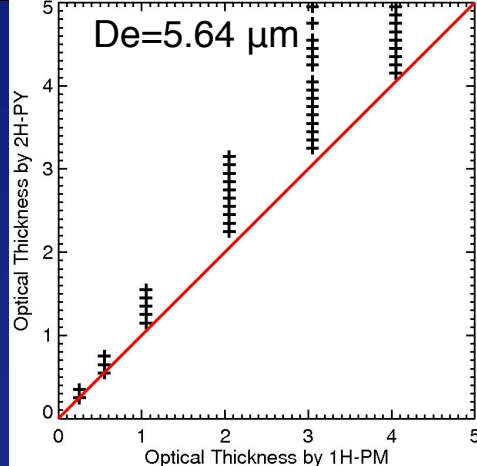


Figure 2. Particle geometries for the two-habit model (THM):  
(a) single hexagonal column with an aspect ratio of unity, and  
(b) hexagonal aggregate with 20 solid or hollow columns.

Relationship of  
2H and 1H  
COD for given  
reflectance,  
SZA=60°

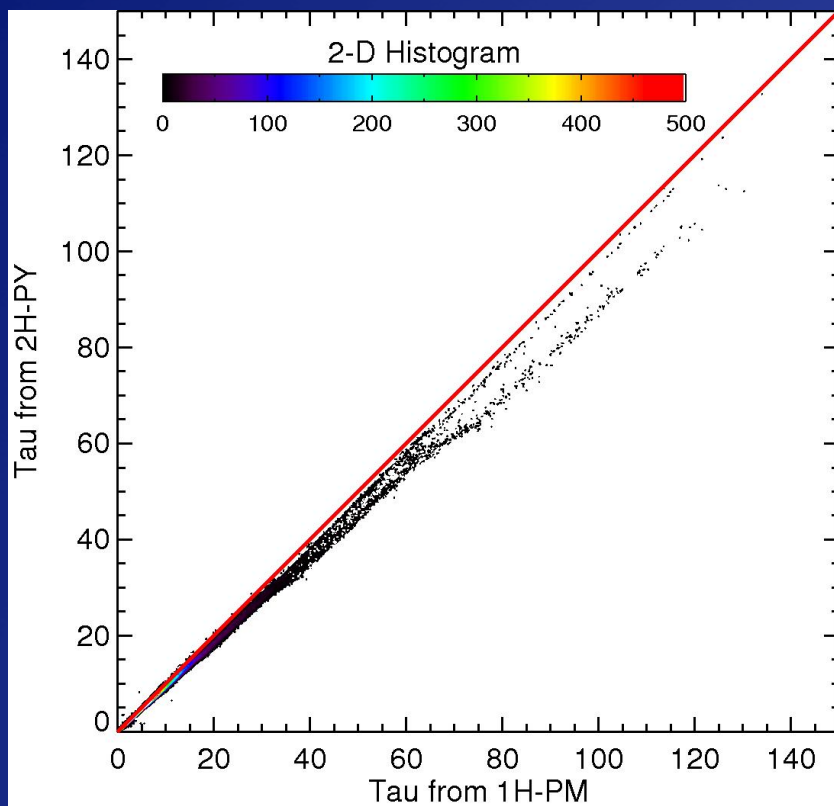
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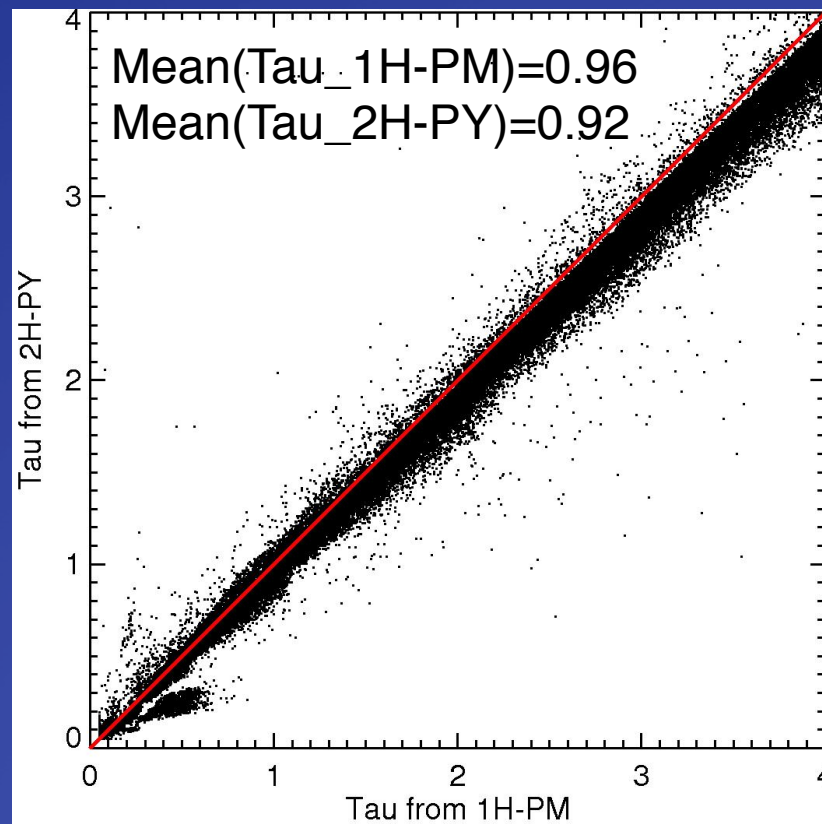


# Ice cloud COD retrievals for Aqua MODIS granules using 2H and 1H models

Full Range



$\tau < 4$



- Less than 10% reduction over the full range
- Only 4% reduction for thin cirrus
  - need new model! Yang group working with G. Hong to generate a new set of models using only solid columns in aggregate

## Thick ice cloud COD at night from multispectral Infrared

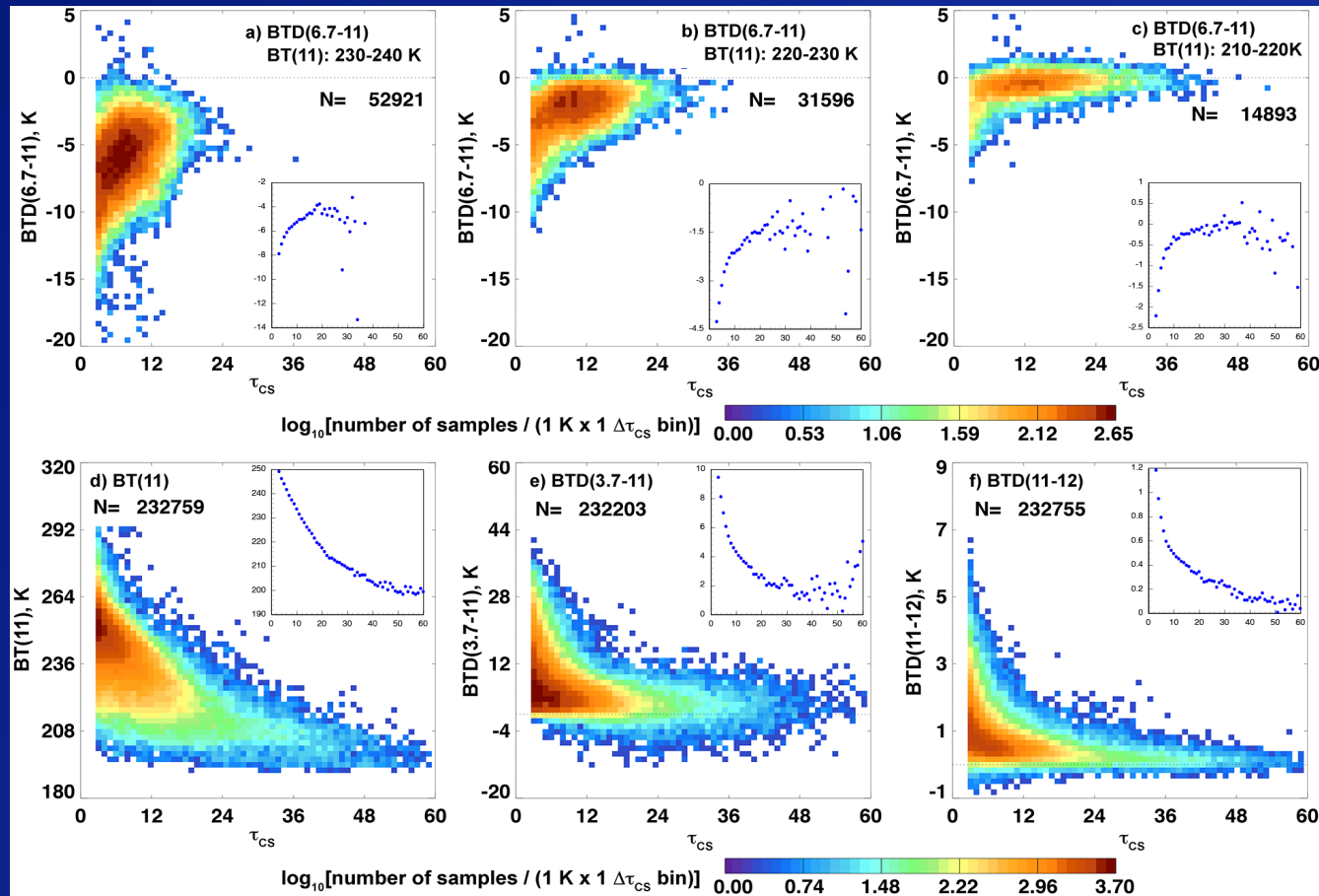
- Surface longwave radiation affected by cloud base, depends on COD
  - SIST punts for  $COD > 16$ , defaults to 32
  - more accurate COD  $\Rightarrow$  more accurate cloud base height
- Better estimate of COD  $\Rightarrow$  IWP
  - better relationships between atmospheric water and radiation
- Has applications during day to multilayered cloud detection





# Examples of Spectral Sensitivity to Optical Depth

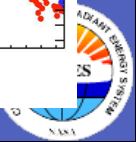
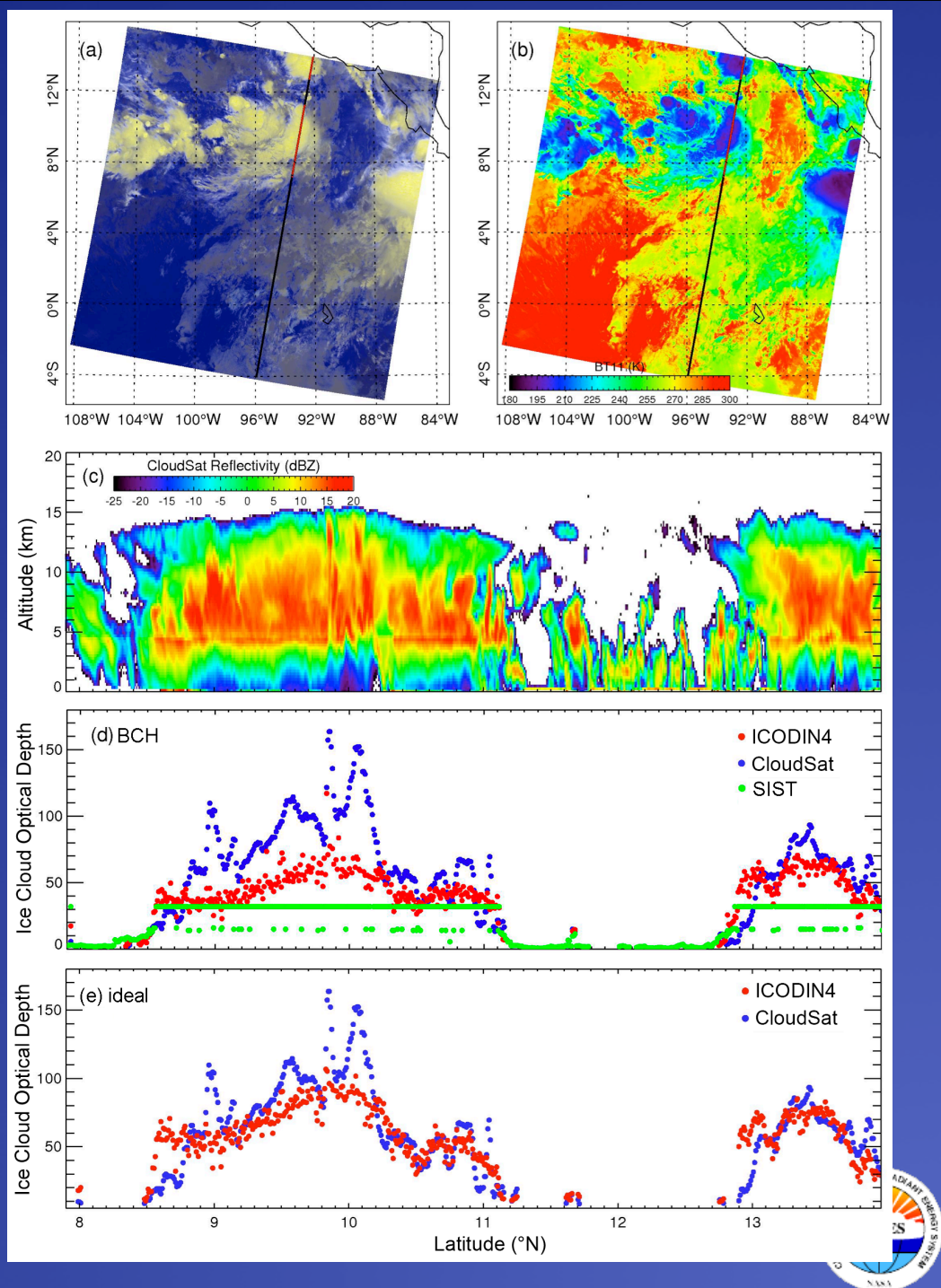
- Various IR spectral parameters shown as function of CloudSat Ice Opt Depth



- These different IR spectral parameters are used in an artificial neural network to estimate ice cloud opt depth => can be applied at night

# Nocturnal Ice Cloud Optical Depth from Various Methods

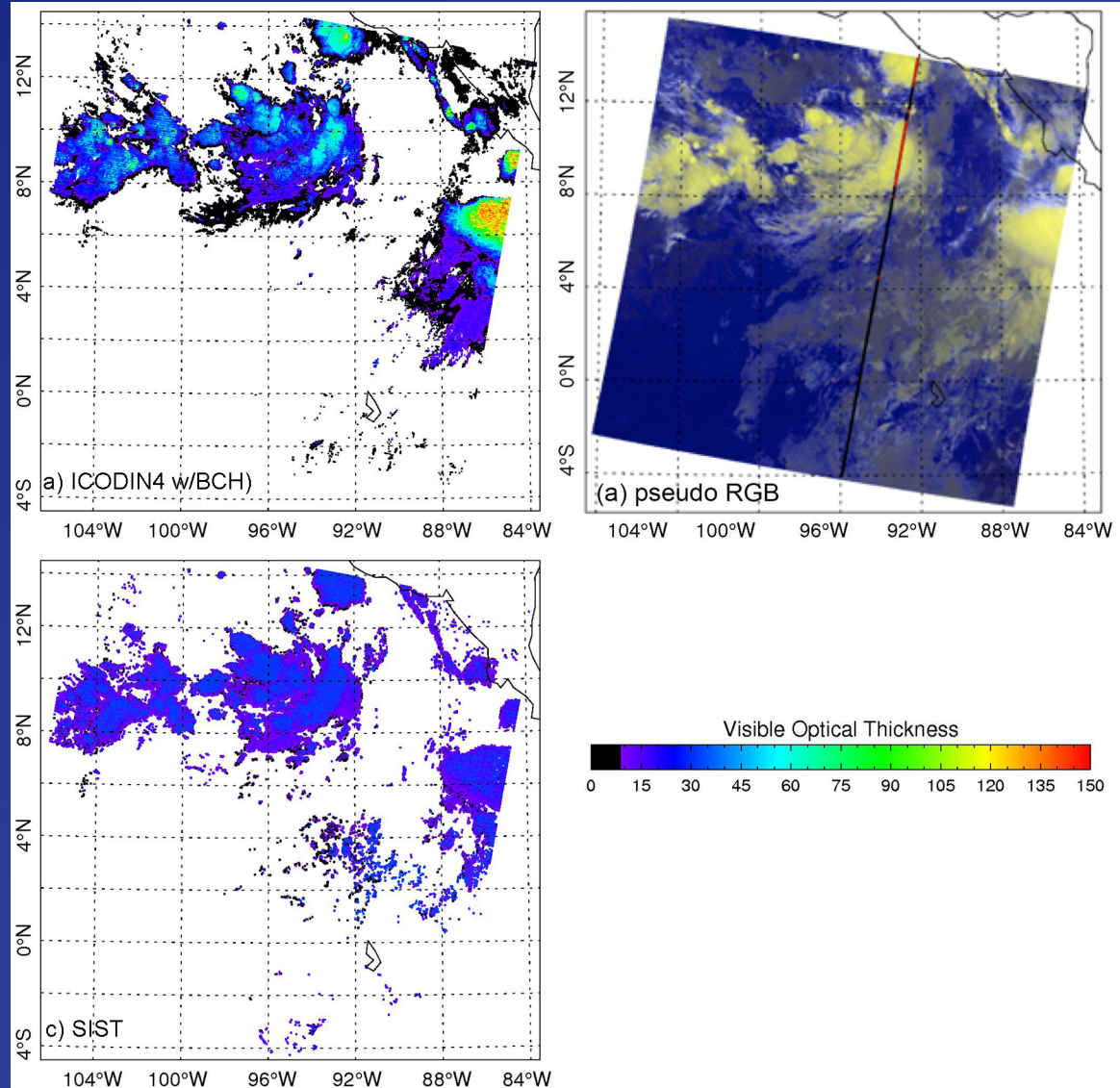
- CloudSat provides “truth”
- Standard method, SIST, stops at COD = 16, then defaults to 32
- Neural network trained with passive imager data classified as thick ice clouds (BCH) yields some improvement
- Training using only CloudSat thick ice clouds (ideal) yields very good agreement
- Research on better defining thick ice clouds is ongoing





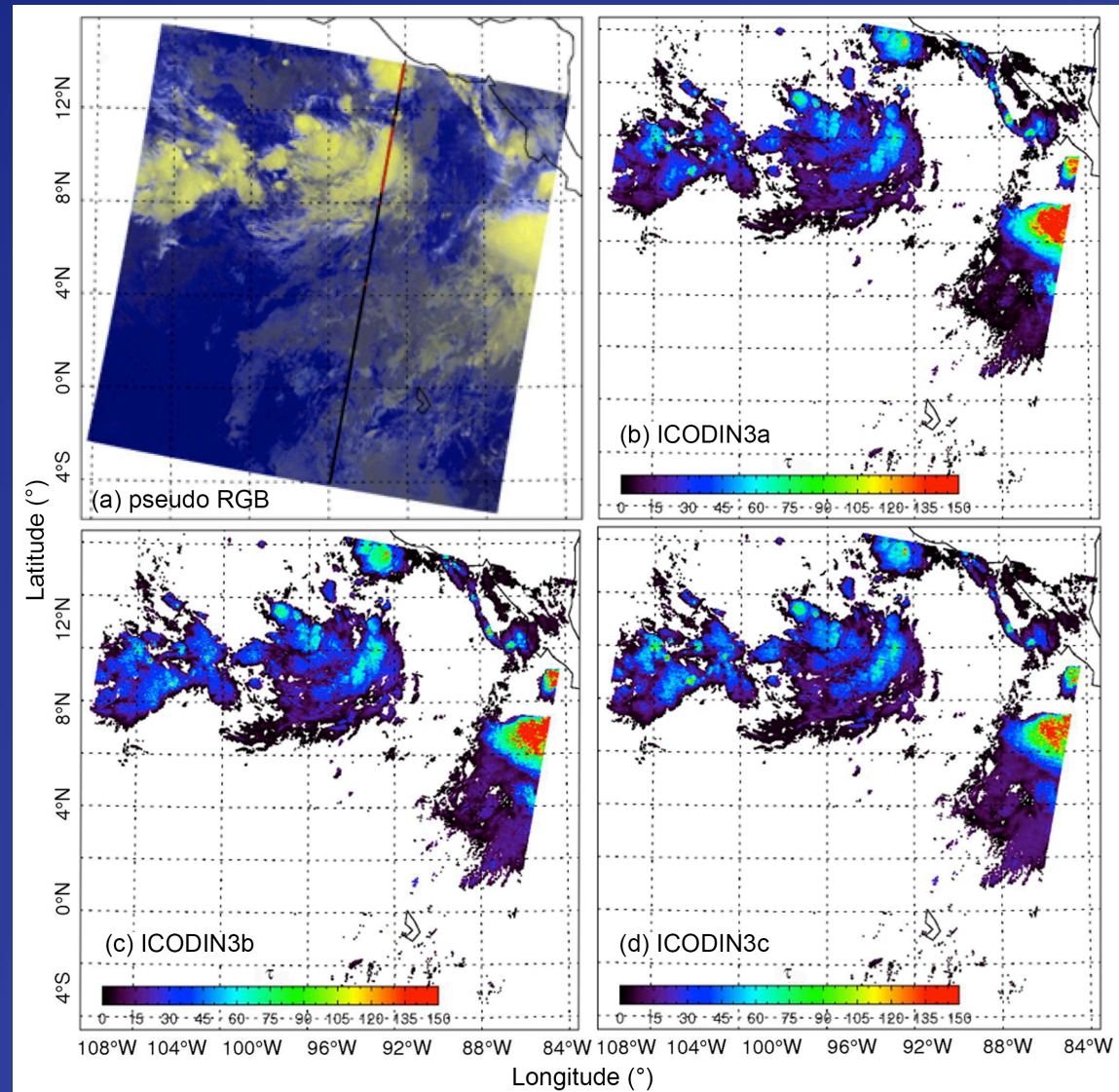
# Ice Cloud Optical Depth, Aqua MODIS, 0800 UTC, 6 June 2008

- 4-channel ICODIN yields realistic COD distributions
- SIST stops at 32 providing no gradients



# Ice Cloud Optical Depth, Aqua MODIS, 0800 UTC, 6 June 2008

- 3-channel ICODIN versions also yields realistic COD distributions
- Very similar results from all 3 combinations
- ICODIN3a (6.7, 11, 12  $\mu\text{m}$ ) can be used in daytime





# Summary of ICODIN Results: Ice Optical Depth Differences vs. CloudSat

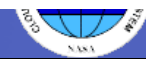
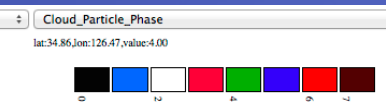
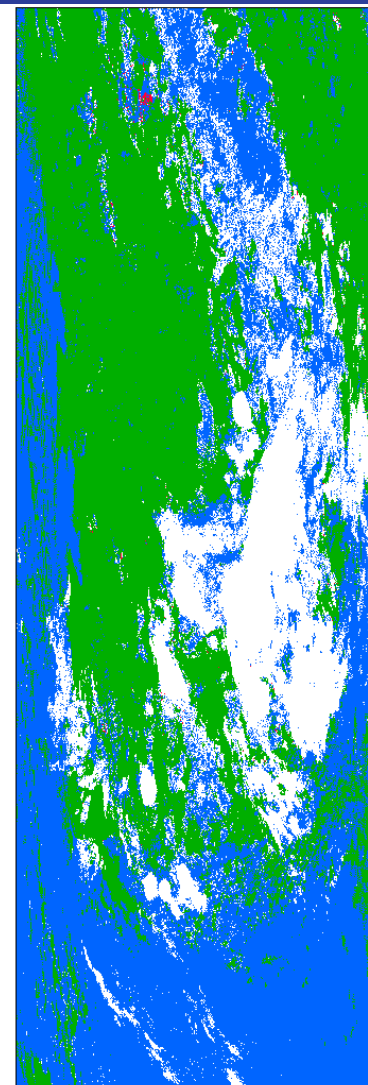
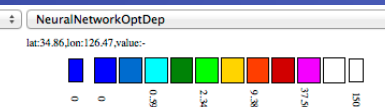
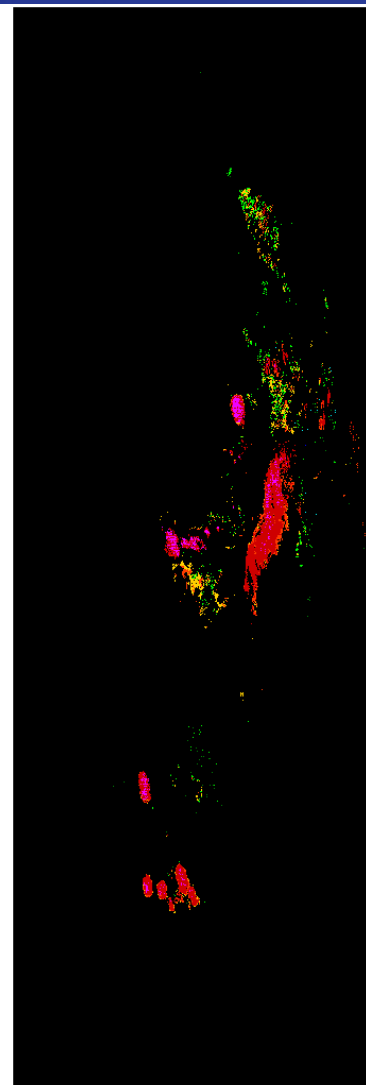
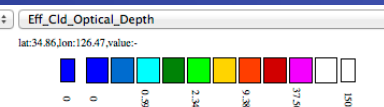
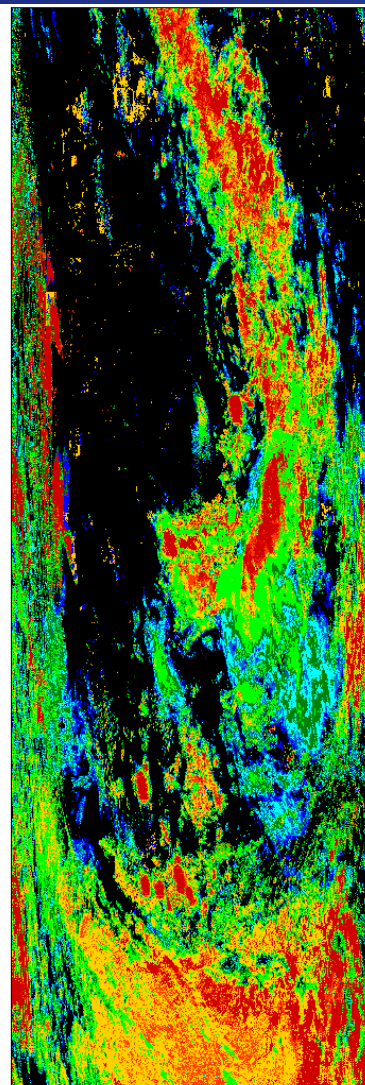
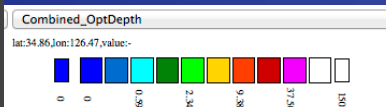
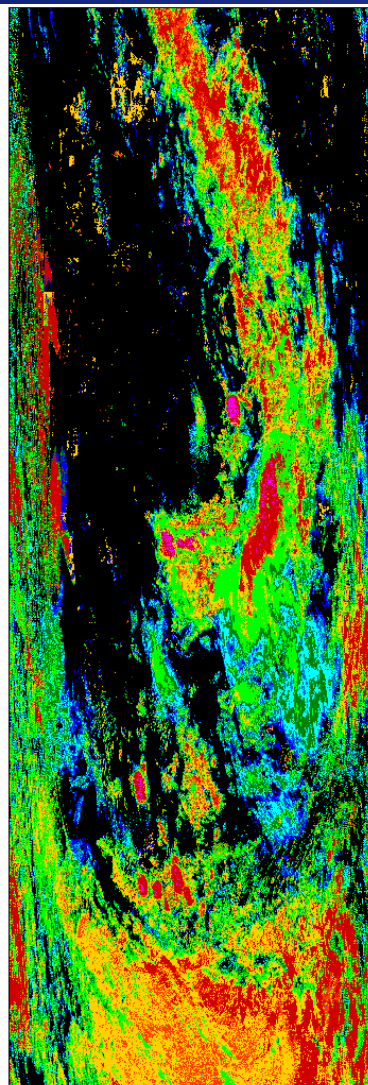
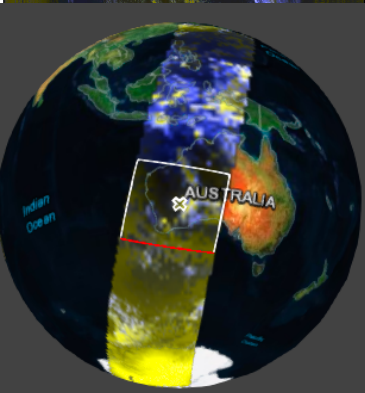
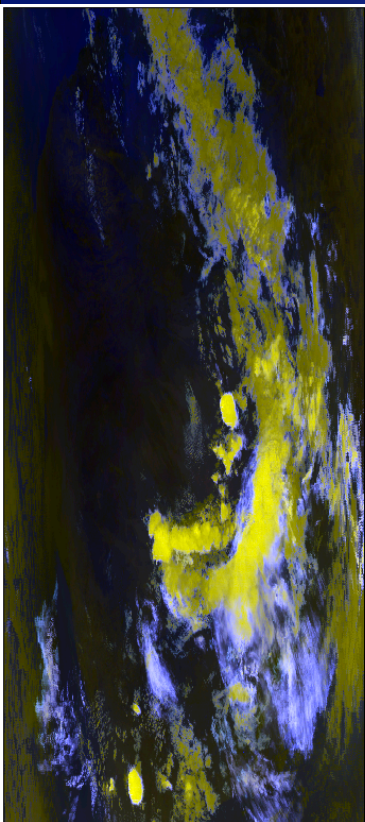
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BCH opaque only							
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	2008	8.50	0.78	-0.10	-1.2	8.89	105
ICODIN3a 6.7, 11, 12 $\mu\text{m}$	2007	8.95	0.79	-0.05	-0.6	9.20	103
	2008	8.60	0.75	-0.07	-0.8	9.45	110
ICODIN3b 3.7, 11, 12 $\mu\text{m}$	2007	8.83	0.79	-0.09	-1.0	8.91	101
	2008	8.51	0.78	-0.10	-1.2	8.94	105
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SIST	2007	7.40	0.63	-2.42	-24.6	12.2	124.4
	2008	7.16	0.64	-2.19	-23.4	11.6	124.4
Ideal (BCH & CloudSat opaque)							
Ideal ICODEIN4 3.7, 6.7, 11, 12 $\mu\text{m}$	2007	21.8	0.73	-0.07	-0.3	13.2	61
	2008	21.3	0.71	-0.33	-1.5	13.5	63

- Accuracy of “ideal” case compels development of thick ice ID



# Example of ICODIN4 Applied to Aqua MODIS, 1 April 2010

ICODIN4 used when  $\tau(\text{SIST}) \geq 8$





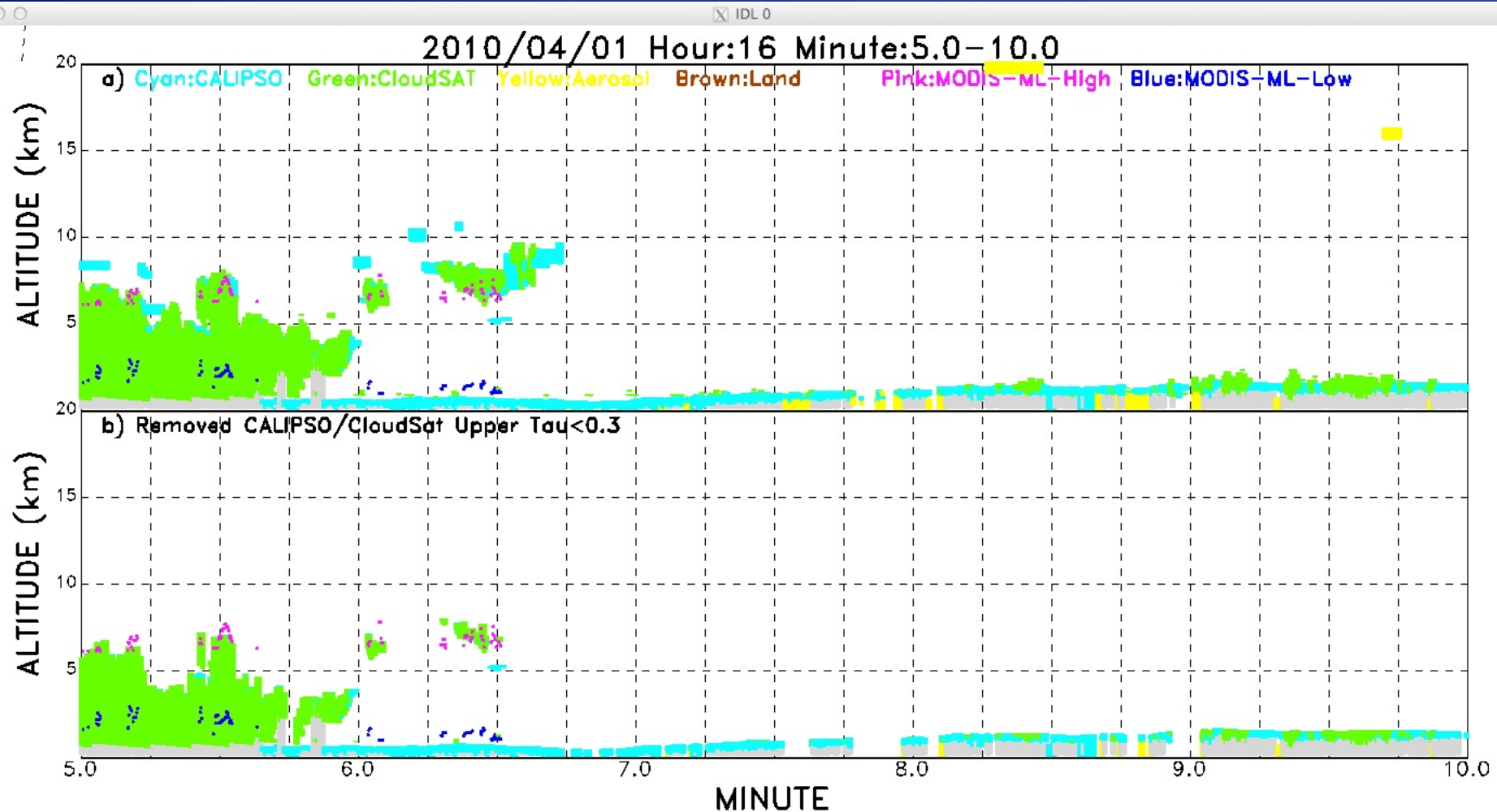
## Multilayer Clouds

- Many single layer ice or ice/water clouds being classified as multilayer
  - Viudez-Moro talk on Thursday morning
- Bottom line: need to better identify thick single-layer ice and ice/water cloud systems to end false ML identification



# Multilayer Cloud Detection Dilemma: Thick vs. overlap

CloudSat-CALIPSO profile vs. ML layers:



- Typical example, too much thick cloud called ML



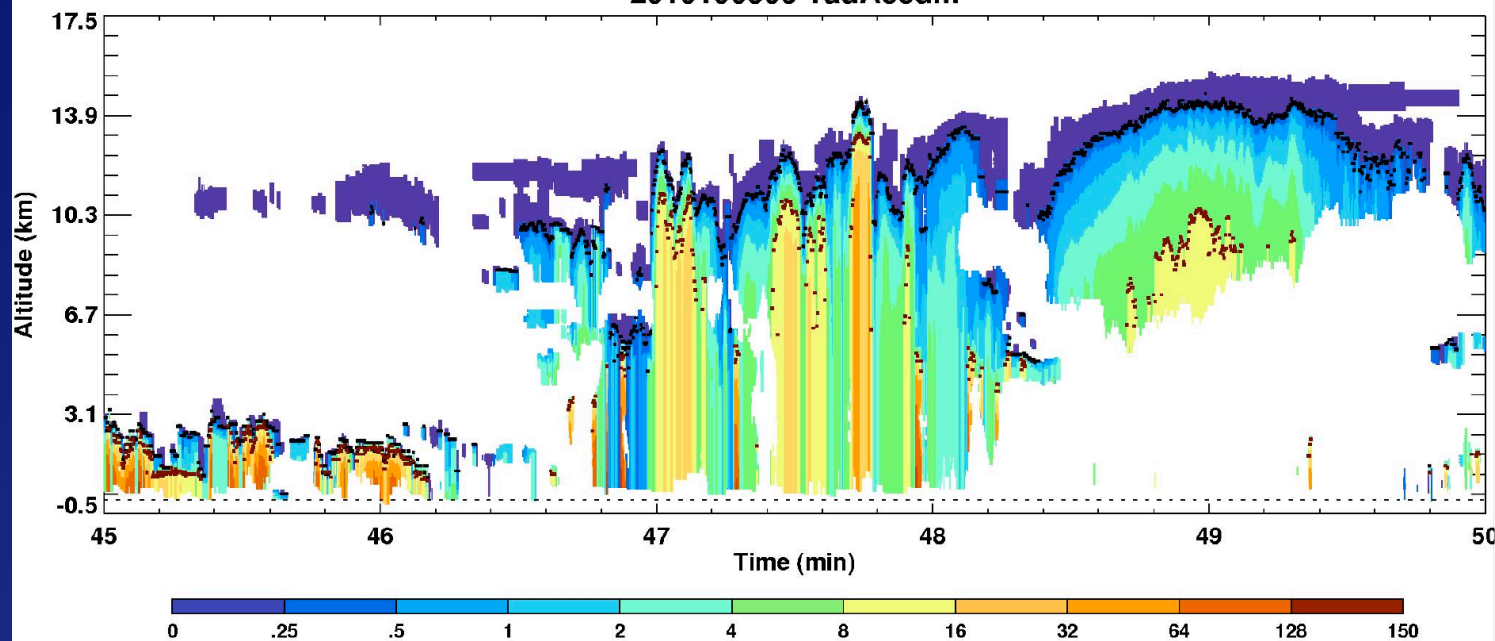
# Addressing the thick ice cloud systems

- NN provides information about ice cloud COD
- Develop a different NN system to separately identify thick cloud systems
  - examine signals from various channels
  - *use C3M CC profiles of COD and layering*

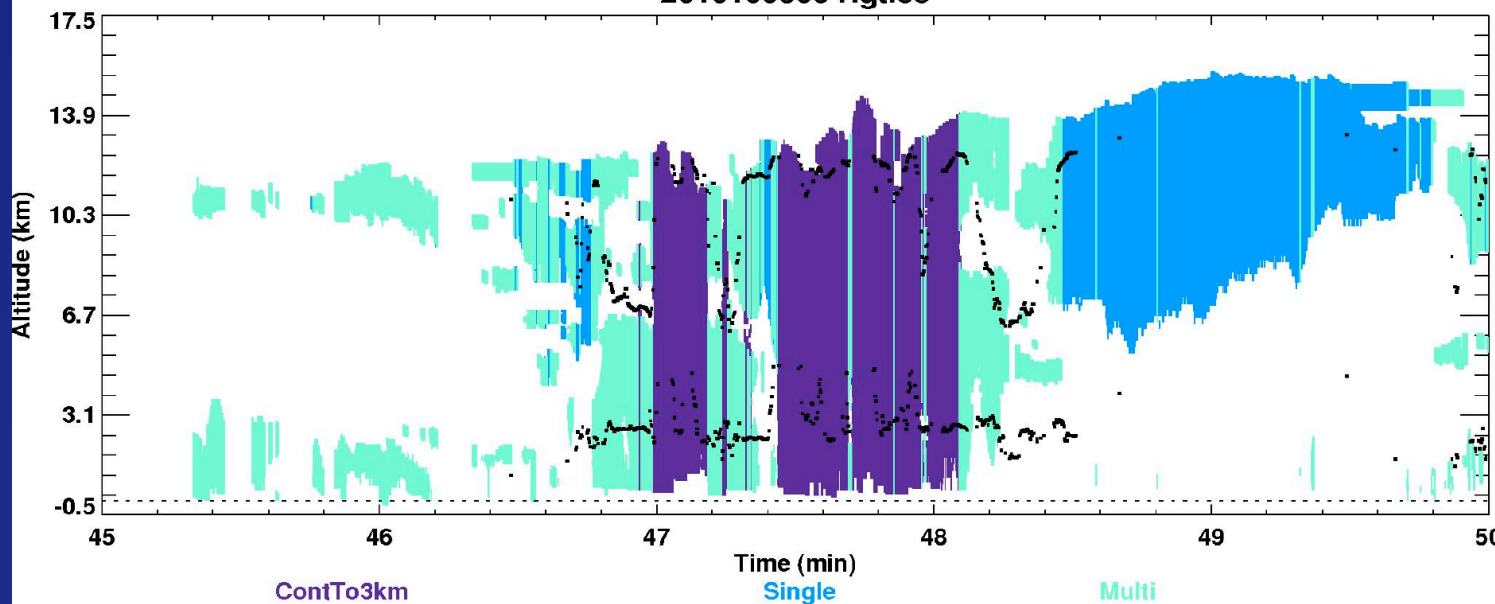


# Preparing the Data

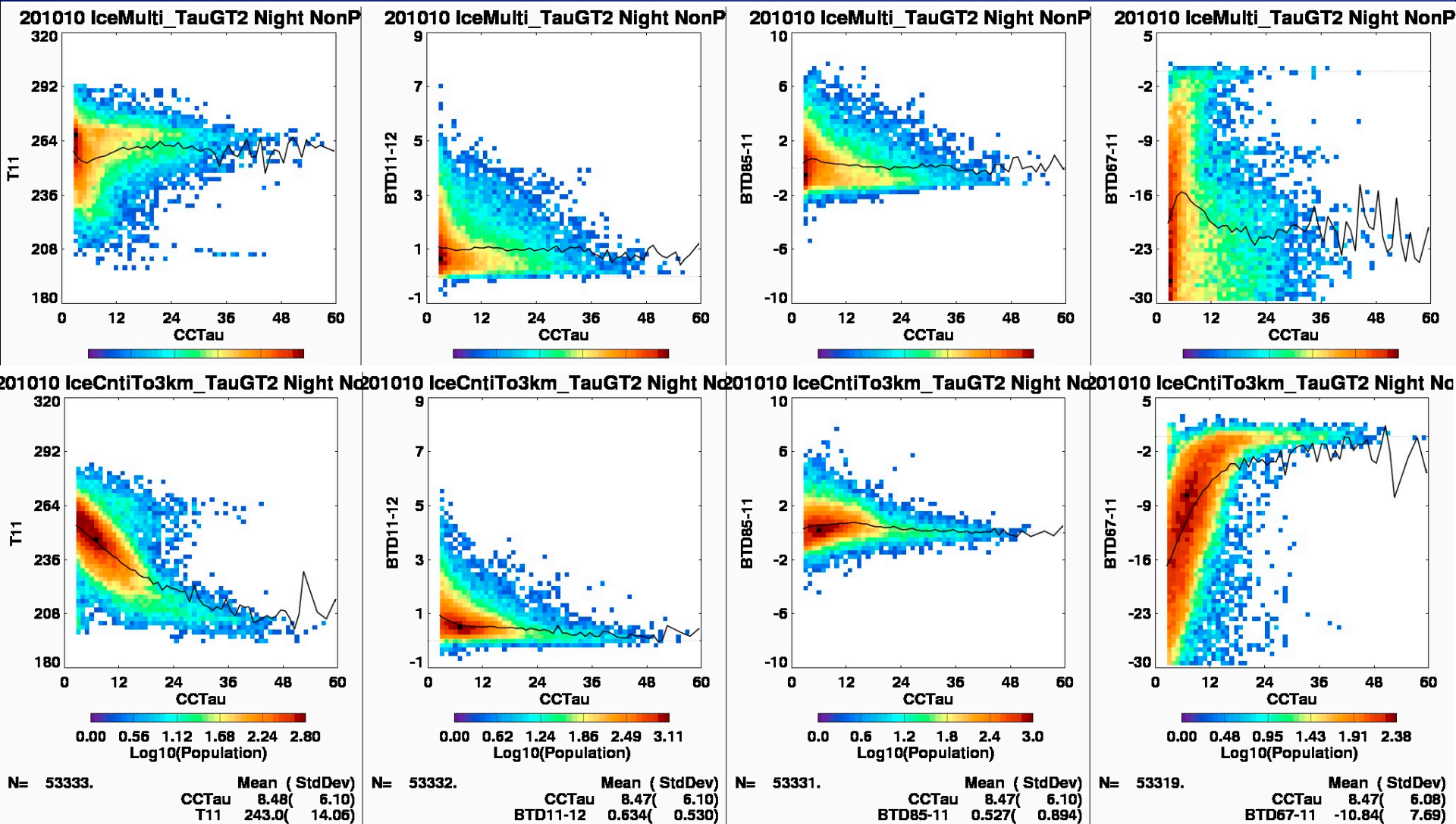
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# Histograms of temperature and BTDs for thick ice and multilayer ice/water



- Best differentiation appears in T11, BTD67-11, 11-12, 85-11  
- can add single-layer VIS COD in daytime



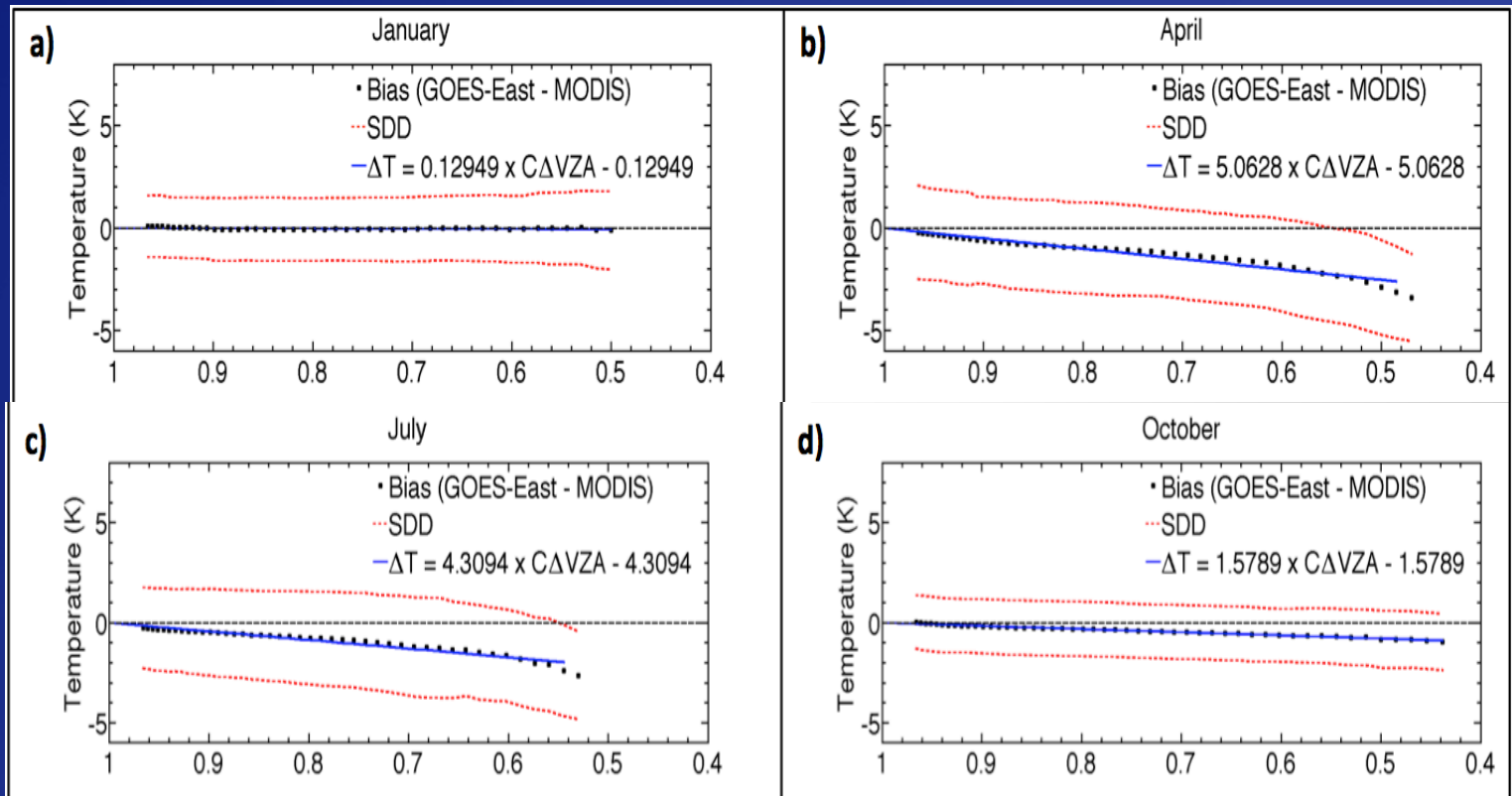


# Improving Single Channel Surface Skin Temperature Retrieval

- Account for VZA dependence over land
  - develop empirical models using matched MODIS and GOES
- Improve pixel-level retrievals
  - apply a ratio technique within each analysis tile
- Determine sensitivity to input profiles
  - tested GFS and MERRA
    - *not much difference over land sites*
    - *MERRA a little better over ocean (SST)*



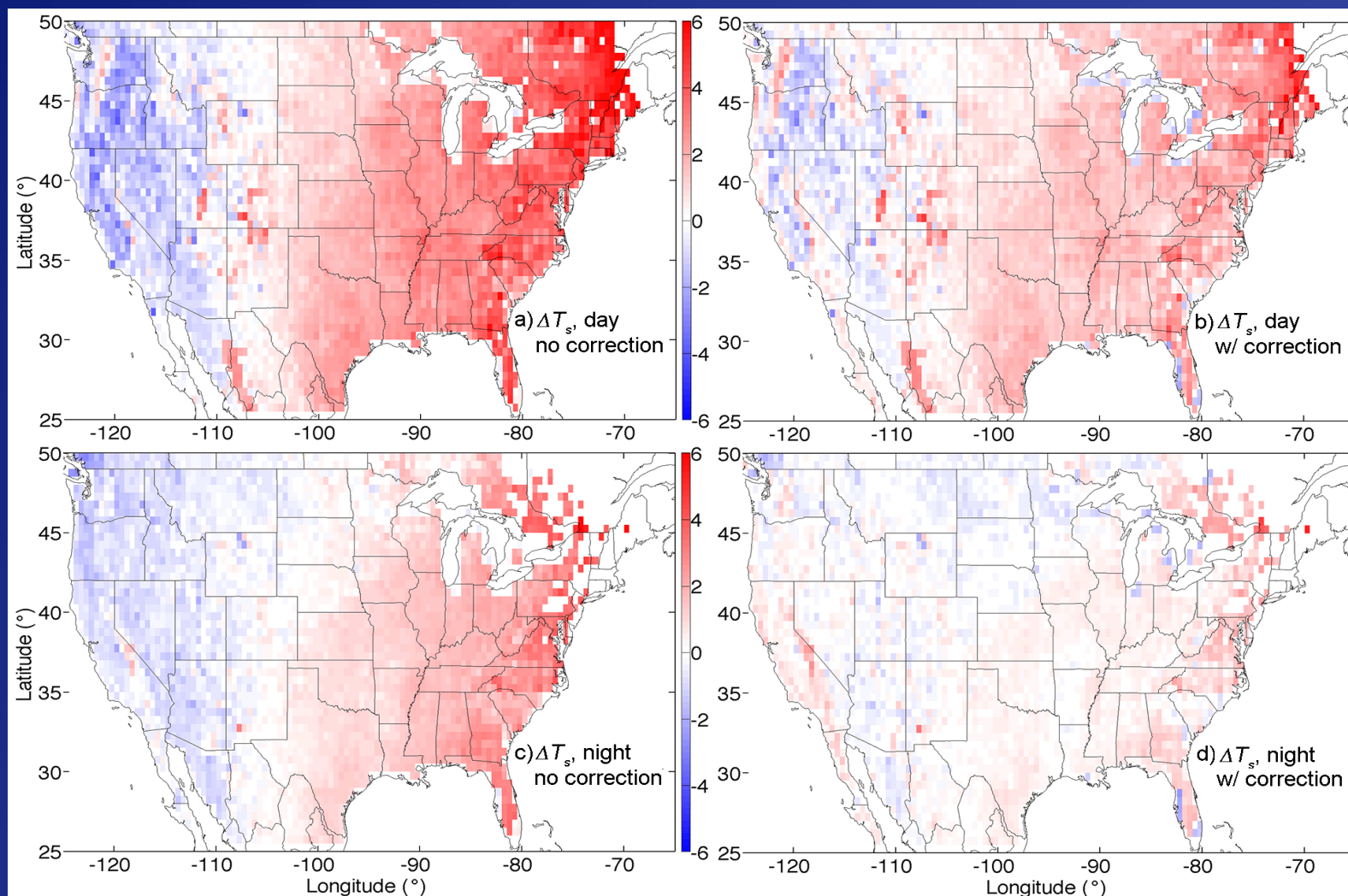
# Empirical VZA-correction Model



- Dependence least in winter, greatest in summer

# Viewing Zenith Angle (VZA) Impact on Retrieved Skin Temperature

Example: GOES-East – GOES-West regional LST differences, July 2013



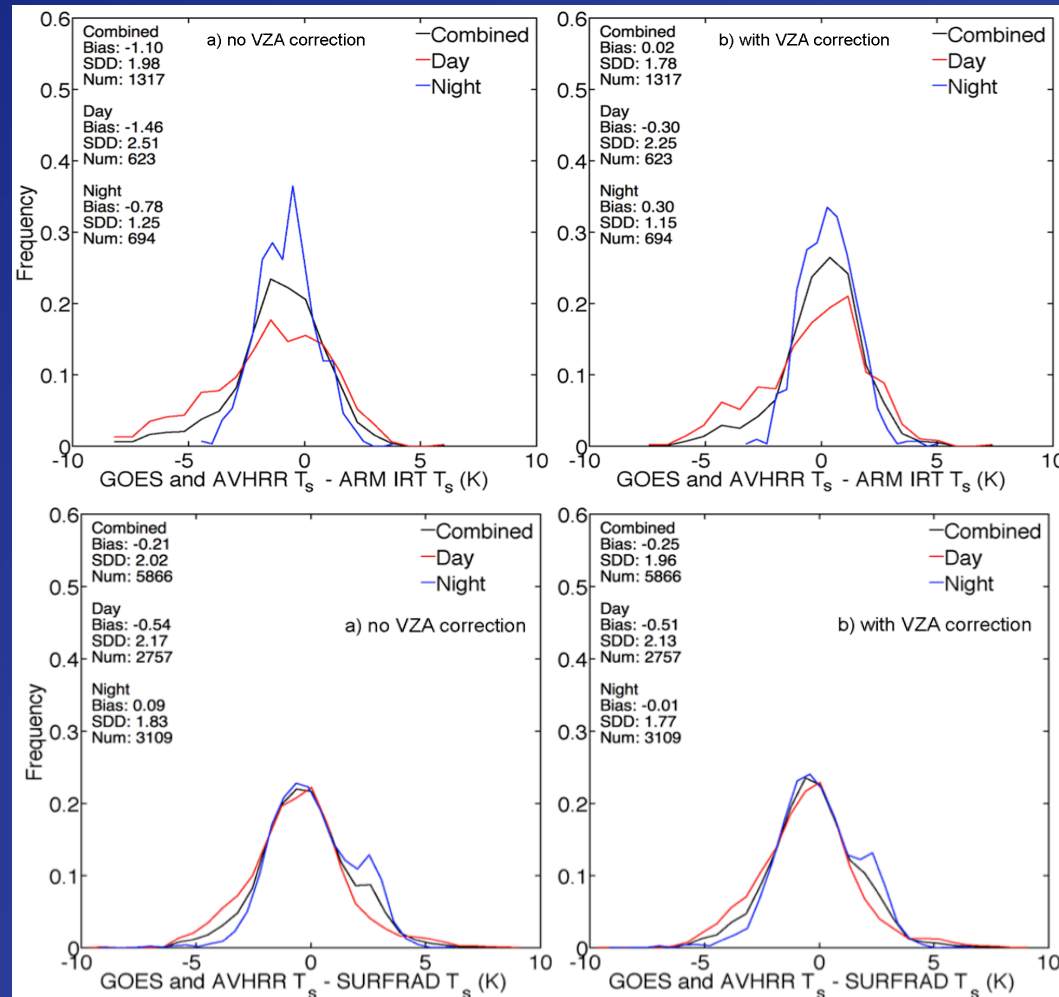
- Viewing zenith angle correction GOES E-W difference
  - azimuthal effects still persistent during the day



# Validation: US Surface Sites

- Dramatic reduction in bias fro nadir viewing IRT comparison at ARM site

- Smaller gains for BSRN pyrometer measurements (corrections to VZA  $\sim 53^\circ$ )



ARM SGP

BSRN

- Results as accurate as any skin temperature retrieval method



The End

